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A first for religious leaders

Soviet rabbis now in Israel

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The rabbis of Moscow, Leningrad and Odessa arrived in Israel last week.

A spokesman for the foreign ministry said that although the Soviet authorities had previously granted visas to Israel for family visits and emigration purposes, this was the first time they had agreed to a visit by a group of religious leaders from Soviet cities.

"The visit opens a narrow channel of direct contact between Israel and the large Jewish community of the Soviet Union," said the spokesman, adding that it could be seen in the context of the improved atmosphere of Soviet-Israeli relations and especially the new Soviet attitude towards the Jewish community.

The Soviet-Jewish visitors are Rabbi Adolf Avraham Shayevitch of the Moscow community; Rabbi Boris Haim Levitis of the Leningrad community, and Aharon Litvan, the head of the Odessa community, as well as three other representatives of the three cities. They are here as guests of the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv and are to remain in Israel for two weeks.

The three community leaders appeared at ease with their hosts. Both Shayevitch and Levitis speak Hebrew well, and Litvan speaks Yiddish.

Speaking at Ben-Gurion Airport, Litvan said an entire year can go by without a single bar mitzvah being celebrated in Odessa's one synagogue, which can accommodate 800. Shabbat services are attended by 30 to 50 worshippers.

Though the city has no mohel, he said, one is occasionally summoned from Riga, Chernowitz or Leningrad. Asked if the synagogue has a library with Jewish books, he said, "We would be happy to have more prayer books.

A brighter picture was painted by the rabbis of Moscow and Leningrad, both of whom completed their studies in the Rabbinical Seminary of Budapest.

Levitis said that he had recently received permission to teach Hebrew and Jewish studies, although not to children.

In Leningrad, there is a minyan every morning, with 50 to 100 in the main synagogue on Shabbat and more on holidays.

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In another development, 38 leaders of the Moscow Jewish community have founded the first unit of B'nai B'rith in the Soviet Union.

At the same time, a delegation of American Jewish leaders, in discussions with Soviet officials in Moscow last month, raised the possibility of opening B'nai B'rith offices in Moscow and other cities in the USSR.

The B'nai B'rith chapter was organized by the delegation which visited the Soviet Union Dec. 12 to 19, headed by Seymour Reich, international president of B'nai B'rith.

A spokesman for B'nai B'rith International told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Soviet Union now becomes the 42nd country worldwide to have a B'nai B'rith presence.

Classical music makes these birds really grow

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Chickens exposed from birth to classical music get plumper faster than "culturally deprived" birds, researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem say.

In a recent statement the university said experiments by Dr. Gadi Gvaryahu have shown that chickens listening to soft, soothing music and given visual stimulants grew up to 4% fatter than those raised by conventional methods.

According to Gvaryahu, "In commercial chicken-raising, the chickens are hatched in an incubator without having any contact with their biological mothers and are then thrown into an impoverished environment lacking any stimuli.

"As a result, the chickens are apprehensive and tend to dart about a lot and hurt each other, all detracting from their maximal weight gain."

In the experimental system, the newborn chickens are exposed to classical music and given balls, key chains, windmills and cloth mittens to play with.

"The music has to be played at low volume, not more than 75 decibels," the statement said. "The chickens prefer calming music, without dramatic crescendos."

The university said rights to market the system have already been sold in the United States through Cornell University.

SOVIET ARTISTS VISIT ISRAEL

Labor Party secretary-general Uzi Baram wears skullcap presented to him by Sofiko Chiraveli, a leading actress from Soviet Georgia, during visit in Israel of artists' delegation from Georgia. They were invited to Israel by MK Ephraim Gur, a native of Soviet Georgia, who lives in Ashdod, home to Israel's largest community of Georgian immigrants. [IPPA photo]

The cabinet lineup...

Following is a list of the 26 ministers who have been named to the Israeli cabinet:

Portfolio	**Minister**	**Party**
Prime Minister	Yitzhak Shamir	Likud
Vice-Premier and Finance	Shimon Peres	Labor
Foreign Affairs	Moshe Arens	Likud
Defence	Yitzhak Rabin	Labor
Construction and Housing	David Levy	Likud
Education and Culture	Yitzhak Navon	Labor
Economics and Planning	Yitzhak Moda'i	Likud
Police	Haim Bar-Lev	Labor
Environmental Protection	Ronni Milo	Likud
Science and Development	Ezer Weizman	Labor
Justice	Dan Meridor	Likud
Communications	Gad Ya'acobi	Labor
Tourism	Gideon Patt	Likud
Agriculture	Avraham Katz-Oz	Labor
Transport	Moshe Katsav	Likud
Health	Ya'acov Tsur	Labor
Industry and Trade	Ariel Sharon	Likud
Energy and Infrastructure	Moshe Shahal	Labor
Interior	Arye Deri	Shas
Immigration and Absorption	Yitzhak Peretz	Shas
Religious Affairs	Zevulun Hammer	NRP
No portfolio	Ehud Olmert	Likud
No portfolio	Raphael Edri	Labor
No portfolio	Moshe Nissim	Likud
No portfolio	Mordechai Gur	Labor
No portfolio	Avner Shaki	NRP

Knesset approves new government

By
JTA & JPFS

JERUSALEM — The Knesset overwhelmingly approved the new Labor-Likud coalition government presented to it late last year.

The lopsided 84-19 vote of confidence was not surprising inasmuch as the new 26-member cabinet, the largest in Israel's history, exceeds by one the number of parliament members left in the opposition.

Two of the four religious parties are participating in the new government. But the parties of the left and right wings will not join the coalition.

The government made its debut seven weeks after Knesset elections that failed to give any single party a governing majority.

It was a festive occasion of congratulations and no small relief that the agonizing process of coalition-building was successfully finished.

The long Knesset debate wound up with the traditional ceremony at the presidential residence, where all of the ministers posed at a photo session.

President Chaim Herzog did not hide his satisfaction with the broad government. It was his dramatic and unprecedented intervention that prevailed on Likud and Labor to resume their coalition negotiations, which had been given up as a lost cause.

"This broad government represents the will of the majority of the people, which seeks unity and tolerance," Herzog declared in a toast to Shamir. He praised the Prime Minister for his doggedness and ability to "understand the needs of the people."

Shamir responded by hailing Herzog's contribution to the establishment of the new government.

The cabinet consists of 12 Likud and 12 Labor ministers, but only 11 in each party were named when the cabinet was announced. The 12th slots may go to Eliahu Ben-Elissar of Likud and Ora Namir of Labor. If so, Namir would be the only woman in the cabinet.

In addition, the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party holds two cabinet portfolios: the interior ministry, traditionally reserved for the religious bloc, and the ministry of immigration and absorption, which Labor held in the outgoing government.

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The coalition agreement includes the following principal elements:

- That Shamir would be Premier for the entire four years of the government.
- If either party leaves the government, neither will try to set up a narrow-based government; they will commit themselves to new elections.
- Eight new settlements in the territories will be approved in the government's first year. Additional settlements will require approval of the finance ministry — controlled by Shimon Peres — and the inner cabinet, where Labor will have a veto. (The Likud had insisted on 40, and then 34 new settlements.)
- The chairman of the Knesset finance committee will be from Labor; Shamir must approve the appointment.
- The finance minister

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Shamir readies peace plan

By
CJN NEWS SERVICES

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir hopes to have a peace plan ready within the next two months, he indicated here last week in an interview with the Reuters news agency.

His aides said the peace initiative would coincide with a visit by Shamir to Washington in late February or March for talks with the new U.S. administration.

He said in his interview that he is still opposed to a United Nations-sponsored international peace conference favored by the Arab states but expressed the hope that the U.S., Soviet Union and Egypt would play a vital role in his plans.

"Egypt," he said, "could play an important role . . . Egypt is the most important Arab country and Egypt's influence and experience can encourage other Arab parties to participate in any scheme of peace with Israel. The superpowers could play the role of mediators, important factors that could **bridge the gap between the parties without imposing anything on them."**

Earlier, the Prime Minister's Office and the foreign ministry offered low-key responses to Egypt's dampening of expectations for an early summit between Shamir and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Mubarak had stipulated that Israel must first agree to talk to the PLO before he would accept an invitation for a meeting.

The Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs, Butros Ghali, told reporters that "President Mubarak is prepared to visit Israel if it is ready to start a dialogue with the

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We're back on schedule

Because of the New Year holiday, this edition of The CJN had to go to press a few days earlier than usual, and we may have missed important weekend news.

However, now that the holidays are out of the way, we hope to get back to our normal publishing schedule and keep you as up-to-date with the news as possible.

TV makes Wouk's tale soap opera

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I never had a chance to read Herman Wouk's much celebrated *War and Remembrance*, and so I looked forward to the TV version — always realizing that something happens when the written word is transposed to the screen.

There were two aspects of the tale which interested me and for which I kept my eyes and ears open. One was the depiction of the Jewish plight and the other, the treatment of the Second World War itself. Both remembrances have a special call on me, for they touch my being and my past. So, when I sat down to the film version of Wouk's epic I thought that maybe this time there would be something that approached the truth. It was not to be.

Rabbi Plaut

The failure (to which I shall presently turn) had nothing to do with the fact that the film was cast in fictional form and dealt with the fate of a particular family. Fiction can be as close to the truth as a documentary, and in skilled hands, maybe closer. The most memorable depiction of the Great Depression was a novel, John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*.

But there is a difference between good fiction and soap opera. Regrettably, the film smacked of the latter. To be sure, when something is shown on prime time it must compete with sitcom inanities in order to achieve a good Nielsen rating. So I was prepared for a little shmaltz and the inevitable love triangle on which so much of commercial television is based. Documentaries have to be extraordinary to hold the public's attention; people can best identify with the fate of individuals when told in fictional form.

Therefore I cavil not with the general form but with its execution. The film was so broad, the canvas so wide, that the story never jelled and the reality it meant to depict moved more and more into the background. Then, in order to catch up with its intent, the screen showed some deadly war scene or a snippet of Babi Yar or Auschwitz. Neither attempt was successful.

To make matters worse, Robert Mitchum, cast in the star role of the film, was a deadpan disaster. Meant to be the sterling and solid ideal of an American war hero, he came off as merely staid and stolid, and even his lovemaking was unreal. But I would have gladly overlooked that (though, I suspect, the general viewing audience didn't) if the Holocaust scenes had conveyed a little more of the terrible tragedy it was.

Scenes didn't shock

The scenes at Babi Yar which were meant to shock, never did, and what I saw of the Auschwitz depiction (I did not see the very last part) also fell far short of its goal. An industry which regularly makes films of horror becomes very careful when it comes to what Elie Wiesel called "The Kingdom of Hell."

Even so, there were at least two opportunities which were insufficiently exploited. One was the appearance of Heinrich Himmler, chief of the SS and principal director of the Final Solution. The history books tell us that when he visited Auschwitz he gave a talk to the SS troops praising them for their great courage. What was this courage? According to Himmler, it was to suppress one's normal feelings of compassion for the sake of the Thousand Year Reich. Our film did try and tackle this famous scene but never was able to show the gap between humanity and the perversions of Nazi ideology.

The other opportunity was closely connected with it: showing how the SS officers who ran Auschwitz turned from killing during the day to the pleasantries of their own family life at night. That this contrast could be memorably depicted was proved by the brief scene in the unforgettable film, *The Wannsee Conference*, where Reinhart Heydrich flirted with his secretary while speaking of his plan to "exterminate" 11 million Jews.

Still, I give the filmmakers marks for trying, and even with its limitations the movie had its good points. In view of the declining interest of the viewing public, however, the rest of the epic may not be shown, come spring.

Difficult decision for Jews of U.S.

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
The Reagan administration has now pronounced Yasser Arafat and the PLO a proper partner for political contacts and negotiations. The very fact that the U.S. is treating Arafat as a respectable figure will have serious repercussions for organized American Jewry and its relations with Israel.

Two main scenarios could develop from this dramatic shift in American policy. The first is based on the assumption that Israel maintains a solid front in opposition to the PLO.

As of now, the political mainstream in Israel — Likud and Labor — stands fairly united against legitimizing Arafat and negotiating with the PLO. The PLO is branded as a terrorist organization and a Palestinian state headed by the PLO is viewed as a threat to Israel's existence.

Once Arafat is legitimized in American public opinion, a major obstacle to seeing a Palestinian state as a workable solution to the Israel-Arab conflict will have been removed. After all, if one talks to Arafat, there must be something to talk about, and in practical terms this can only mean a Palestinian state. As a result, views now held to be "anti-Israel" in the American political context could suddenly become respectable, and mainstream American politicians could begin to advocate a Palestinian state.

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How might the American Jewish establishment respond to such developments? Today, it is relatively easy to identify a "friend of Israel" — to use a favorite AIPAC codeword — in Americanpolitics. A "friend" supports generous economic and military aid to Israel, opposes arms sales to hostile Arab states, shuns the PLO as a terrorist organization and rejects the idea of a Palestinian state.

Tomorrow, it will become harder for American Jews to draw such sharp distinctions between friends and foes. American political figures may support both a Palestinian state and large aid packages to Israel, while seeking to maintain their cherished status of "friend" which opens the door to Jewish electoral and financial support.

AIPAC (the pro-Israel lobby in the U.S.) has always based its arguments on the notion that what is good for Israel is good for the U.S. If AIPAC and other major Jewish organizations get a clear signal from Israel that support for a Palestinian state constitutes an "unfriendly" stance, they will have to come up with convincing arguments as to why a Palestinian state is opposed to America's — not only Israel's — best interests.

If they follow Israel's lead, American Jewish leaders might find themselves in a bitter confrontation with politicians who really believe they are sympathetic to Israel, but who face excommunication from the ranks of Israel's "friends" because they have crossed the pro-Israel lobby on the Palestinian issue. This, in turn, could cause a backlash against AIPAC, which in any case is seen by some administration officials and congressmen as having "too much" power.

To embark on this conflict-ridden course, American Jewish leaders will first have to convince themselves that talking to Arafat and supporting a Palestinian state are contrary to American interests. This may not be so easy for some of them, especially if it makes them look like mere stooges of the Israeli embassy.

In any case, the initial reaction of the American Jewish establishment shows it is divided in its evaluation of the administration's move. Some are clearly against, others say "trust the administration," while others say "we won't support it, but we won't oppose it either." With such a spread of views, it is hard to envisage a determined lobbying effort by American Jews to reverse the administration's stand.

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The problems raised by this hypothetical course pale in comparison to those of the second scenario, which is based on the assumption Israel's political mainstream is also divided on negotiating with Arafat and on the acceptability of a Palestinian state.

What matters in this case is not whether groups like the left-wing Citizens Rights Movement are ready to talk to Arafat, but whether a significant bloc in the Labor Party takes a sharply dovish turn on the PLO. Only then can it become legitimate and respectable among the American Jewish establishment to hold similar views.

The proposal for an international conference provides a lesson in this regard. Finance Minister Shimon Peres's persistent advocacy of the conference as a way to launch a Middle East peace process spilled over into American Jewry, and several major organizations gave it their endorsement.

It won't be long before mainstream American Jewish figures are heard calling on Israel to reassess its position vis-a-vis the PLO — and they will be able to point to respectable figures in Labor to back them up.

Once the scenario unfolds to this point, it will be even more difficult for the pro-Israel lobby to "excommunicate" politicians who deviate from a hardline stance on the PLO.

The Berlin Wall marks political, economic divide

By
RICHARD COHEN

EAST BERLIN —
There are few borders as dramatic as the one between West and East Berlin. To cross the Jordan River from Israel to Jordan is to go from the First to the Third World. To go from San Diego to Tijuana is to go from one culture to another. But to go from West to East Berlin is to cross a political and economic divide — from plenty to austerity, from democracy to authoritarianism. For Communists, Friedrichstrasse — the artery from east to west — must be the boulevard of broken dreams.

The East smells different than the West. The stench of cheap fuels hangs in the air and, given enough time, permeates clothing. It is the smell of, say, Warsaw, too, but not of London or Paris or — in close contrast — West Berlin on the other side of the wall.

The East sounds different, too. Traffic is thinner and the cars, light and underpowered, jerk from stop lights with a tinny sound like that of Soviet mowers on a suburban lawn. The cars of West Berlin — many Mercedes and BMWs, as expensive here as anywhere — accelerate with a smooth growl and then turn silent, the smug purr of German marks on the go. A Soviet-made car, on display in a showroom here, seems like it could be jammed into the trunk of a Mercedes.

And the East looks different, too. West Berlin is incandescent. Decorative lights necklace the streets and adorn office buildings. Shops are full. In the stores of the Unter den Linden, East Berlin's broad historic boulevard, only an occasional seasonal display can be seen — a modest holly, a bashful sprig. Only by the standards of the East bloc is East Berlin a gaudy town, what Kansas City was to the farmers and ranchers of *Oklahoma* — a place where "everything's up to date." It is not official atheism that keeps it somber; it is the grayness of Communism.

These are superficial comparisons — nothing about gross national product or foreign debt. But for all the superficiality of these observations, they are telling. After all, the border between the two Berlins does not separate one culture from another, one language group from another or, even, one advanced nation from one still grasping at modernity. No. Germany is on either side of the wall — the same people speaking the same language and sharing the same culture.

The difference between East and West can only be accounted for by their different economic and political systems. The Germany of Bach (Leipzig) and the Germany of Beethoven (Bonn) is now the difference between Communism and democracy.

What does this mean? Why I do state what must seem the obvious? It is this: The relative failure of Communism is not a consequence of American policy. The arms buildup of the last eight years is not what brought Mikhail Gorbachev first to power and then to the bargaining table. It may have played a role, but it was a marginal one. What motivates the Soviet leader, what drives his fellow reformers, is what they can see with their own eyes: failure.

In a television age, the tendency is to concentrate on personalities — leaders of countries, leaders of movements. In the United States, the spotlight has been on Ronald Reagan; both the force of his personality and the revolution he is said to have wrought. In dismissing Marxism, we tend to forget its useful lessons about economic and political forces. Gorbachev is a bold and creative leader, but he owes his mandate to the crisis of the Soviet economy.

In discussing Reagan, we speak glibly of how he set the stage for Detente II when, really, the Soviet Union would have had to reshape its policies even if Jimmy Carter remained President.

Nowhere is that clearer than in Germany. By East Bloc standards, Communist Germany is a showcase. That may account for why East Germany remains one of the most conservative, and most prosperous, of the East Bloc regimes. But that is not a testament to Communism, but to Germans — still an impressively industrious and disciplined people. The task for the Soviet Union is even harder. Democracy is alien to it; capitalism is but a nostalgic recollection. Its ultimate natural resource, its people, may prove unresponsive to change.

Touring quickly through East Berlin, I forgot to spend my East German money — and was forbidden to leave the country with it. A dour customs officer ordered me either to open a bank account or spend the money. In a rush, I scurried up and down streets. There was nothing to buy. Finally, in desperation, I stopped at a tobacco shop and bought two tins of Brazilian cigars and some cigarette holders, telling the shopkeeper to keep the change.

He laughed, but the last laugh was on him. In a moment, I crossed to the West.

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Will attempt to persuade others to visit Israel

57 Canadian Jews join in Operation Solidarity

By
DAVID LAZARUS

Operation Solidarity coordinator Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth of B'nai B'rith Canada (centre) toasts the group's arrival over Sabra liqueur at Ben-Gurion Airport with Abe Drori, the former director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto. At left is another "ambassador for tourism," Rabbi Ron Aigen of Montreal, and at right is Aviva Wanderer of Israel's ministry of tourism.

TEL AVIV —
Weary but determined, 57 Canadian Jews wrapped up a whirlwind week in Israel committed to live up to their pledges of boosting Israel's sagging tourism industry by each recruiting at least 15 visitors to Israel.

"Now is our hour of need, and Israel needs you," is the way Avraham Sharir, Israel's tourism and justice minister, summed up Operation Solidarity's mission at the trip's highlight event at the Jerusalem Hilton hotel.

"I expect that this year and in the forthcoming months you will come here with as large a delegation as possible."

Sharir's message was the gist of one delivered repeatedly to the mission participants. They hailed mostly from Quebec and Ontario, and several came from Winnipeg and Edmonton. Ages ranged from mid-20s to a couple of senior citizens.

Deliberately, coordinators stayed away from using highest profile Canadian Jewish leadership for the trip.

According to B'nai B'rith Canada's Ralph Snow and Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth, the concept was to accept applicants who were active in their synagogues, clubs, businesses or other organizations and who could wield their influence and contacts to convince others to pay a visit to Israel either on an individual or group basis.

As the week of being Canadian "goodwill ambassadors" drew to a close, most appeared to opt for the group option.

Several told The CJN that potential visitors had already been recruited for group visits.

A six month time limit has been set for signing up each participant's 15 visitors, although the deadline is not absolute.

Participants are also pledged to continue to promote tourism for a further 2½ years.

The solidarity mission was coordinated through the efforts of Operation Independence, B'nai B'rith Canada, the Israel Government Tourist Office, and Israel's ministry of tourism.

El Al issued the tickets free of charge and participants paid only $300.

The chairman of the project was Peter Golick.

During the week, they were wined, dined and pampered more like royalty than diplomats.

But as they basked in glorious winter sunshine and toured traditional tourist spots in and between Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv, and received briefings from government officials and politicians, such as MK Benjamin Begin the serious purpose of the mission and the expectations of them, were driven home again and again.

The group would be expected to deliver on their promises to bring tourists, Jewish and even otherwise, to Israel, which is and continues to suffer from a serious decline since the beginning of the Palestinian intifada last December.

At one of the first briefing sessions, Michael Gidron, the Israeli tourism ministry's deputy director general of information services, cited a 15% drop in "real tourism" — mainly Jewish — which has admittedly perplexed officials, who can cite case after case of tourists returning home reporting how safe and vibrant Israel remains.

Israel's 1988 40th anniversary, which was originally to have surpassed any previous year for tourism, instead resulted in an estimated $200 million in lost revenue, Gidron said.

And the losses extend to all sectors of Israel's economy, from taxi drivers to tour guides and of course, hotels.

One of the most heartfelt statements to the Canadian delegation came from Arthur Goldberg at an evening in Jerusalem hosted by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

Goldberg is a Vancouver native who fought in the War of Independence and is credited with building up Israel's tourism virtually from scratch by founding Israel's first bus-touring company with Lionel Druker of Sydney, NS.

He told the Canadians that tourism has virtually "dried up" from North America, while it remains much more stable from Europe and among non-Jews.

Europeans testify that "Israel is one of the few countries overseas you can go to safely, "so why are the Jews not coming?" Goldberg asked.

"It is up to you people. You are the pioneers of today."

Just how concretely successful the mission actually was will be determined in subsequent months as participants start organizing and promoting trips.

Yehuda Shen, who accompanied the mission and succeeded Avraham Drori (who was also on hand throughout the trip) as Canadian director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, said each city's group of recruiters will meet together shortly for a "reunion" to keep tabs and provide support for organizers.

Shen went so far as to say that if the IGTO sees 1,000 new visitors on their way, another similar solidarity tour could be considered at an even cheaper rate, perhaps even cut to $200.

Drori said the IGTO's main contribution from this point on would be to help participants follow through on their pledges, "to show them the way in concrete terms."

Shen said the process would take place in cooperation and consultation with B'nai B'rith Canada.

Kachuck, the national director of BBC's Institute for International Affairs who led the delegation with Snow, the institute's chairman, felt that recruiting "15, 20 even 30" visitors to Israel could be easy if "unique missions" were developed along common interests, such as history, archaeology, or culture.

Another potentially lucrative target group are the "neverbeens," Kachuck said, who constitute some 80% of North American Jewry, although the Canadian rate is somewhat better than that south of the border. These include Jewish organizations which have not yet organized trips to Israel.

Kachuck spoke in terms of a "chain letter" effect to spur travel, and she said B'nai B'rith Canada would provide support by connecting people with appropriate sources, suggest itineraries that participants could "take to their people."

Most of the 57 ambassadors had been to Israel before, and the dizzying week — coordinated in Israel by Aviva Wanderer of the ministry of tourism — brought some unique perspectives on tourism and politics.

During the first four days at the Hyatt Regency in Jerusalem, Chanukah candles were lit in the lobby and Shabbat was welcomed.

The "diplomats," distributed on two buses, did some usual and unusual things.

They went to pray at the Western Wall, toured the Jewish Quarter, shed tears at Yad Vashem, pressed their way through Machaneh Yehuda market and planted trees at Canada Forest.

But wherever they went, they were also welcomed and treated as a group with the potential to turn things around on behalf of Israel tourism.

The Hyatt heralded their arrival with a huge banner and champagne. General manager Norman Rafelson said "your being here is the best thing we could ask for."

Among the guests at the banquet at the Hilton was Dov Levine, a member of Israel's Supreme Court, who reminded the diplomats that "the media is hearsay, but you can bring eyewitnesses."

The group toured El Al with its ebullent public relations man, Nachman Kleinman, and many felt the visit to Ramat David Air Force Base on the way to Haifa to be the trip's highlight.

At the Dan Carmel in Haifa, manager Joseph Kruvi hosted a champagne reception and at dinner, Major Arieh Gur-El sang Haifa's praises as Israel's "sexy city" as well as its cleanest and perhaps most beautiful and scenic site.

The farewell dinner at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv — just one of the invariably "all-out" feasts served to the ambassadors throughout their stay — had Mayor Shlomo Lahat bring home the point for the last time "you must understand again and again" what Jewish tourism means to Israel.

Rafi Berrl of the ministry of tourism reminded them that Jewish tourists to Israel come "not though advertising, but through words, conversations, and discussions with people they know."

Participants signalled their determination to live up to their commitments.

Danny Rosenzweig an accountant from Downsview, Ont., said he already had lined up nine visitors and saw other prospects through his congregation, the Adath Israel, where he is active.

As a long-term strategy he envisioned "building bridges" to Israel by first promoting volunteer participation in Canada in Israel-based organizations followed by personal visits to these institutions.

Montrealer Bernice Clenman had her sights set on putting together an art tour of Israel.

Claire Sookman, exhilarated by her first visit, planned to organize a delegation among members of Toronto's Jewish Student Union and Jewish Student Federation, where she is director.

Gary Gladstone, a Toronto jewelry importer active in BBC's Maven Lodge, would focus on organizing a singles mission.

Debby Glaser, BBC's regional director in Edmonton, said her approach would most likely be on an individual basis. Glaser said she found Israel "inspiring. There is absolutely nothing to be afraid of. It is definitely safe."

Snow said the ultimate success of the solidarity tour will depend on the follow-up, which will be conducted by BBC and the IGTO on a case by case basis.

Shen described it as a "privilege" to have been associated with the group, "and I look forward to working with you all."

Christian Zionist choir promotes Israel tourism

TORONTO —
Among the participants in Operation Solidarity in Israel last month was Alec Caspi, the only Jewish member of the Christian Zionist choir Living Flame.

Caspi and the group's president Doreen Maddeaux hope to recruit a tour-bus full of Christian pilgrims to visit the Holy Land in 1989. She will be meeting Israel Government Tourist Office Toronto director Avraham Shen shortly to begin planning their itinerary.

"The emotion of Israel cannot be felt until you have visited the country," Maddeaux said. "Praying at the Western Wall is an indescribably moving emotional experience."

Maddeaux, who has visited Israel four times in the last eight years, urges every Jew to visit there, "as a first step leading to aliya," she adds with a twinkle in her eye.

For further information about the Living Flame's planned 1989 trip to Israel, contact Doreen Maddeaux at (416) 439-7545.

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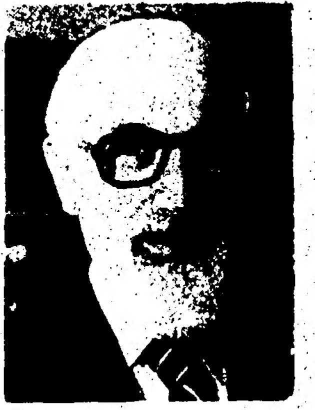
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Your column backing Rav Shach's position that yeshiva students in Israel may not be drafted for military service blew up a storm. Have you perhaps changed your mind?

ANSWER: No. There was a lot of thunder in the letters to the editor, but very little light.


Rabbi Burak

Suppose we search the Torah for an answer. According to Deuteronomy, Chapter 20:5-8, not every able-bodied man is required to fight the enemy: Before the battle this announcement was made: "What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it . . . And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife and hath not taken her? Let him go and return unto his house lest he die in battle, and another man take her . . .

"What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return to his house lest his brother's heart melt as his heart." How do you like these exemptions from military service?

In the book of Judges, Chapter 7:2-3, when a great army of Israelites gathered to fight Midian, the Almighty said to Gideon: "The people that are with thee are too many for Me to give Midian into their hand, lest Israel vaunt themselves against Me, saying, mine own hand hath saved me." A test was made for them. Those that bowed to drink water failed it.

In verse 7 of that chapter, the Almighty said to Gideon: "By the 300 men that lapped will I save you, and give Midian into thy hand; and let all the people go, every man to his place." But these and other passages seem to have been forgotten and overlooked. Sorry to remind critics of such uncomfortable passages.

Still, for those who know Torah, there are passages that might pose a question to the non-drafting of theologues. A member of my congregation, Dr. Joe Fortinsky, disagreed with me on the basis of the following quotation from Numbers (Bamidbar) Chapter 32:6, where Moses says to a number of Jews: "Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?"

That question is within "the universe of discourse." It's a good question, and there is an answer to it. Had Moshe said this to a group of yeshiva students, to castigate them for being slackers, it would be a very strong challenge to my ruling. But, Moshe said it to a bunch of ranchers who had found ideal grazing conditions for their cattle. The grazing was so good, they didn't want to go to Israel.

That's when they received a blast from Moshe. Even then, they told him: "We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones, but we ourselves will be ready to go before the children of Israel . . . ." *and they placed their cattle ahead of their wives and children.*

It was then that Moshe straightened them out and said: "Build cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which has proceeded out of your mouth." (Numbers, 19:24) The women and children were to come first; after that they could attend to the sheep.

We do not value sufficiently the work of a yeshiva student. But, we place much too high a value on ourselves. Men of quality, however, don't have such a high opinion of themselves. In Psalms 22:6, King David said of himself: "But I am a worm and no man . . ."

Begin then, with the opening line in my syllogism: "A civilized nation does not draft theologues."

IDF readies for chemical warfare

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Defence Force's civil defence command has begun distributing 4,000 chemical warfare protection kits to determine whether the public takes seriously the threat of a chemical warfare attack on civilians.

The protection kits, including gas masks, protective injections and transparent gas-proof crib covers for infants, were distributed in the Western Galilee development towns of Shlomi and Ramat Hasharon, near Tel Aviv.

The exercise is an expensive one, with each shoebox-size kit costing $44 each.

But the dispensing of the kits reflects the IDF's concern that chemical weapons will be used in another Arab-Israeli war, as they were used during the 8-year conflict between Iran and Iraq.

When a similar experiment was conducted several years ago, it became evident that the public did not share the concern. People wore the gas masks to fancy dress parties, or for protection while spray-painting their homes or using insecticides in their gardens.

It will be up to the recipient to properly store and care for the equipment. IDF officers will visit homes in the distribution areas during the year to check the equipment and to determine attitude toward its care.

At the end of a year, the kits will be retrieved by the IDF and checked in laboratories.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — In an attempt to prevent Libya from fullscale production of chemical weapons, the United States is appealing to countries whose citizens and firms are helping Libya to make such cooperaton illegal, state department officials said last week.

Arthur Berger, spokesman for the department's Bureau of Near East and South Asian affairs bureau, said that Libya is "on the verge of fullscale production of chemical weapons at an isolated site in the desert, some distance from any major town or city."

Israel fears that Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi may deploy the weapons against Israeli targets. "You begin to wonder what does Gadhafi need this for," Berger said. "Certainly one would think not for a pesticide plant to develop agriculture in Libya."

Berger said a welcome development is that some countries made aware of private cooperation by their citizens with Libya "have begun to crack down in a very severe way."

In some cases, the countries passed laws making such cooperation illegal, he added.

Berger said some shipments of weapons from Libya have been intercepted, but that "some have not, unfortunately." He cited weapons exports by Gadhafi to the Japanese Red Army and the Irish Republican Army, as well as general Libyan support for international terrorist attacks.

"One of the tragic lessons that we learned out of the Iran-Iraq war is that chemical weapons not only have been used, but in many cases have been used with impunity," Berger said.

At the state department, spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said, "The U.S. believes that Libya has established a chemical weapons production capability and is on the verge of fullscale production of these weapons."

Oakley said such a Libyan capability "would be particularly troubling in view of public reports that Libya has used chemical weapons in combat and because of the Gadhafi regime's support for terrorism, and indications that Libyan-backed or supplied terrorist groups have been involved in recent terrorist attacks."

Libya's chemical weapons capability is expected to be discussed at an international conference on chemical weapons in Paris this month.

JNF Canada launches Guardians of Forest project

MONTREAL — "Guardians of the Forest," a new project to enlist major support for Jewish National Fund of Canada's Operation Re-Tree-Val project, will be launched across Canada in the coming months, says Alan Posluns, chairman of Operation Re-Tree-Val.

"The task before us is enormous," Posluns said in his announcement "Together with other world Jewish communities we are attempting to raise funding for the clean-up of more than 1,000 areas in Israel's forests and to replace over 1 million trees."

Operation Re-Tree-Val was launched in late summer in response to a flood of deliberately set forest fires in most of Israel's forests, he said, adding that it become apparent that more than a brief emergency effort would be required.

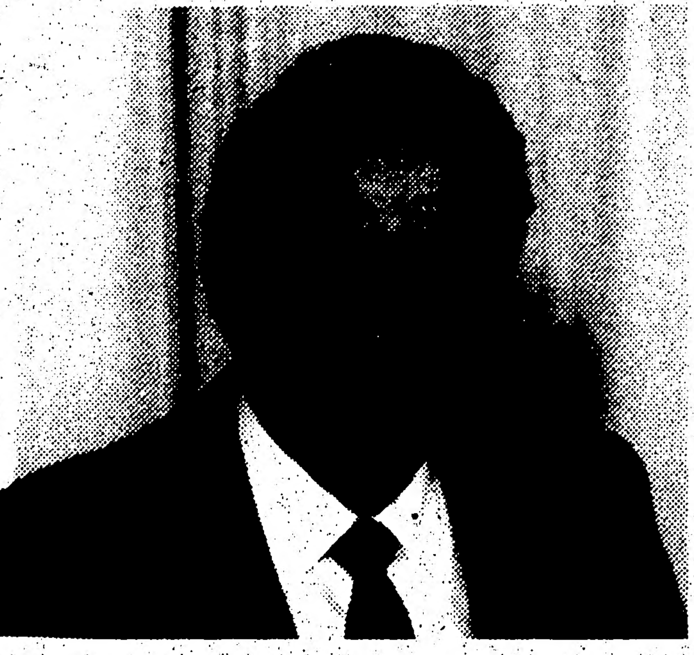
Posluns said that the new Guardians of the Forest project would be launched at a period which would not conflict with the central appeal of each community.

"We are looking for commitments to cover the replanting of 1,000 trees, 1,800 trees, 2,500 trees, 5,000 trees and more. A central dedication area will be created near Jerusalem, and those who come to our support in this manner will have their generosity permanently inscribed, in perpetuity.

"Another need," he said, "is for cash gifts to immediately provide for additional firefighting equipment and for protective and surveillance facilities, such as fire trucks, lookout towers, radio phones, in forest roads and firebreaks. We know exactly what is needed and are prepared to provide full and specific information."

Posluns said it is important "that Jewish National Fund in Israel be even better prepared for what could occur in the summer to come. We look to caring Canadians of generosity to become 'Guardians of the Forest' or to help us to provide this much needed equipment and protective facilities."

Further information is available from any Jewish National Fund of Canada office from coast to coast.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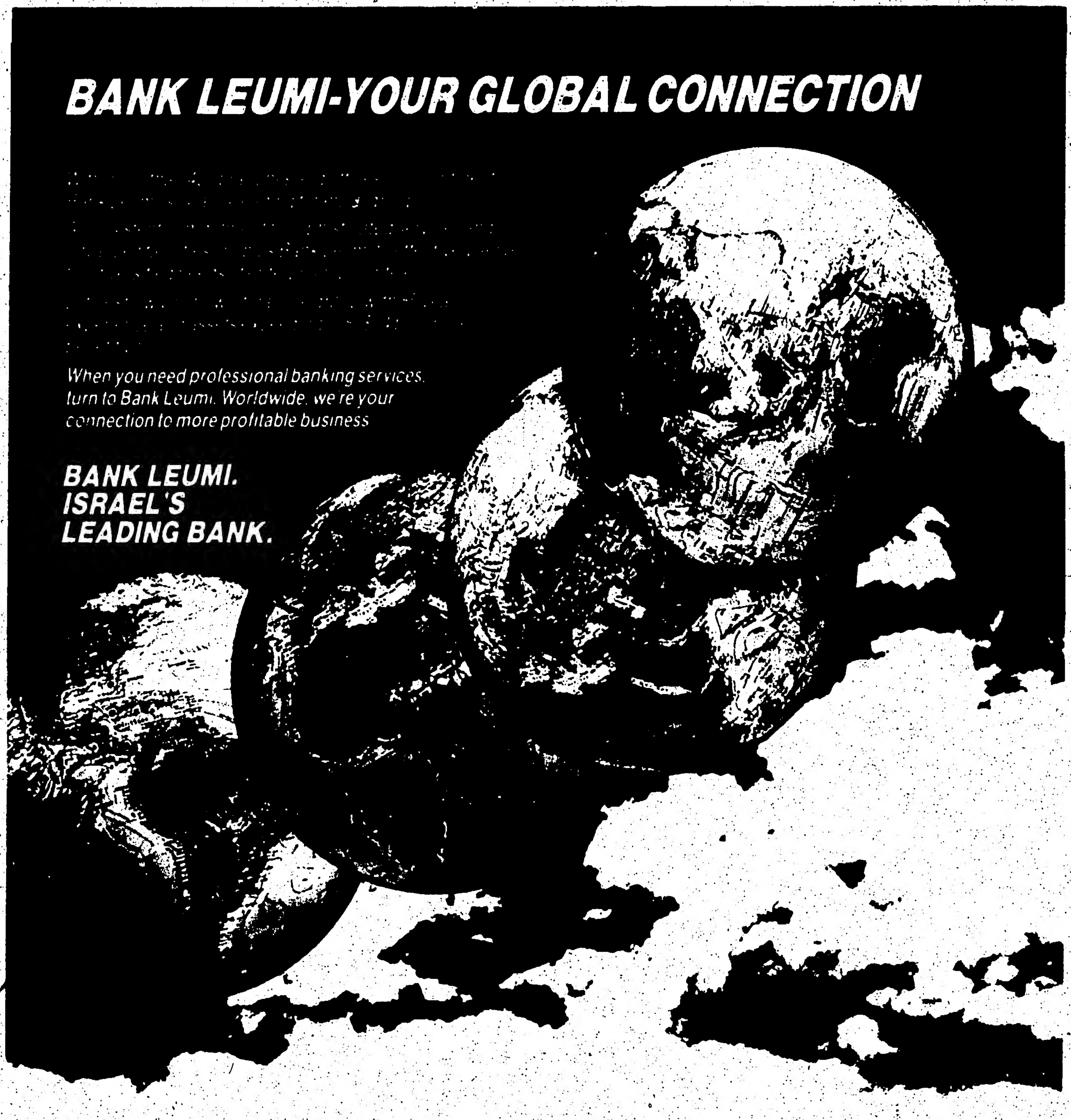
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Controversy seen over converts

No disenfranchisement intended, Aguda says

TORONTO —

The perception that the Orthodox are seeking to disenfranchise Conservative and Reform Jews from membership in the Jewish community "is simply not true," says a news release of Agudath Israel of Canada.

"The phrase used to describe the entire controversy, Who is a Jew, is misleading," says Agudath president Moshe Nussbaum in the release. "It is better described as 'Who is a Convert.'

"It concerns the proposition that automatic citizenship be granted only to those whose conversion can be accepted by all segments of Jewry. Only the procedure of Halacha, traditional Jewish law, meets this criteria."

Following Israel's Nov. 1 election, Orthodox parties which hold 18 seats in the Knesset negotiated for changes to the Law of Return, which confers automatic Israeli citizenship on those born of a Jewish mother and to converts. The Orthodox parties demanded that the law be amended to recognize only conversions performed by Orthodox rabbis, unleashing a torrent of opposition in the largely Conservative and Reform Diaspora communities.

The controversy may have been defused by the agreement between the Likud and Labor parties to form a coalition government, negating the need to make concessions to the Orthodox parties in exchange for their support.

Jewish identity faces its "greatest challenge in the form of mass assimilation and intermarriage," Nussbaum states in the release.

"You cannot take age-old principles...shoehorn them to accommodate your present day conveniences and not expect to alienate our youth," he states.

"The lowering of entrance standards will not and cannot be a panacea for (these) problems. Surely our heritage could only be restored and propagated to future generations by a return to traditional Torah values."

Turning to the "spillover effect" in Canada of the Who is a Jew controversy, Nussbaum states "it is outrageous that venerable organizations (such) as the Canadian Jewish Congress and United Jewish Appeal have been commandeered to advocate clearly partisan positions and to spend public funds contributed for charitable purposes in a dogmatic fight against the Orthodox.

"Jewish interests are not served by bringing this dispute into the public arena in Canada," the release states.

"The Orthodox in Israel are bringing their influence to bear in a truly democratic manner. Perhaps their numbers in Israel attest to the fact they, more than others, are willing to make the personal sacrifice of living in Israel, proving by act and not by words their love of the land of Zion."

Turning to the question of army deferments for yeshiva students, Nussbaum states "there is more than one way to defend a nation.

"No one questions that Israel needs a strong fighting force."

Saying Jewish armies throughout history always had a "division to beseech G-d for salvation," Nussbaum asks "who is willing to bet Israel's entire survival on its army's last bullet.

"Perhaps the very amazing success of Israel's fighting machine is in some measure attributable to those young men studying in yeshivas. Let us not throw rocks at them."

Nussbaum concludes by noting "we cannot let our differences deteriorate into vengeful antipathy toward each other so that we cannot protect our common interests."

Agudath Israel of Canada is a non-political organization that shares the historical roots and religious ideals of the Agudath Israel party in Israel, one of the leading advocates for changes to the Law of Return.

Seymour Reich named Presidents' chairman

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Seymour Reich, president of B'nai B'rith International, is the new chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that coordinates the activities of 46 national groupings as they relate to American-Israeli affairs and problems affecting Jews in other lands, including the Soviet Union. Its offices are in New York.

Seymour Reich

Reich succeeds Morris Abram who served as head of the conference for 2½ years, having been elected to two 1-year terms and chosen in June to continue as chairman for another six months. Abram, who is 70, was vice-chairman of the U.S. Human Rights Commission before becoming the Conference chairman.

The unanimous choice of the conference nominating committee, Reich was elected to a regular 1-year term when Conference representatives met in advance of a meeting at the state department with Secretary of State George Shultz. Conference leaders meet often with the secretary of state and on occasion with the President at the White House to discuss international relations affecting Jewry.

One of the youngest of B'nai B'rith presidents, Reich, now 55, was elected to that post in 1986 and re-elected without opposition in September. Active in Jewish organizations since his early 20s, Reich has served in B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. David Blumberg, formerly of Knoxville and who now makes his home in Washington, was the last B'nai B'rith president to head the conference.

Long involved in human rights causes, Reich in the fall of 1986 flew to Iceland at the time of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit to dramatize the necessity for including human rights on their agenda. He was in Moscow last winter to press both for increased Jewish emigration and for cultural and religious freedoms for Soviet Jews remaining in the Soviet Union.

He was one of nine Jewish leaders invited to the Vatican for the meeting with Pope John Paul II on Jewish-Catholic relations. He also has met with French President Mitterand and British Prime Minister Thatcher as well as with leaders of Israel.

IDF rescue team returns from Armenia

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The first Israel Defence Forces rescue team sent to Soviet Armenia on Dec. 11 to help find survivors of the devastating earthquake finished its work and returned to Israel last week.

The 38-member team, headed by civil defence chief Brig.-Gen. Aharon Vardi, has been lavishly praised by the Soviets for its work in Leninakan, near the Turkish border.

A second team headed by Lt.-Col. Mickey Weiner, deputy commander of the medical corps, and consisting primarily of medical personnel, will stay on in Kirovakan, where they have set up a field hospital inside a sports hall.

Weiner's team, which arrived in Armenia after landing in Tbilisi, Soviet Georgia, numbers some 50 people, including doctors, paramedics and technicians from the army, Magen David Adom, and Hadassah Hospital.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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GRANOVSKY

Louis Grainer (formerly GRANOVSKY) of Willowdale, Ont., writes that his father was born in the Ukrainian village of ZVENI GORODKA. He knows of a GRANOVSKI St. in Moscow and in Israel and asks for information as to the origin of his surname.

GRANOW (pronounced GRANOV) is a small village south of KIEV, adjacent to the Town of GAISIN. It is not far from his father's birth place, which he believes was near the small town of TALNA. The small town to which he refers is probably TALNOYE. All three are within spitting distance of one another.

There are three places called GRONOW and six named GRANOWO and GRONOWO in Poland, all of which are larger than their little Ukrainian namesake, but any doubt as to the origin of my correspondent's family name is resolved by geography.

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The dedication of the first Jewish cemetery in the interior of British Columbia took place recently. The cemetery is in Kelowna. There are about 100 Jewish families in the Okanagan Valley.

Okanagan Jewish community launches its first cemetery

By
BEN ROSE

KELOWNA, BC —

The first Jewish cemetery in the interior of British Columbia (Shaarey Shalom — Gates of Peace) was dedicated here recently. Rabbi Emil Klein led members of the local Jewish community on the traditional march around the property.

There is justifiable pride among the 30 paid-up members of the Okanagan Valley Jewish Community Association that they were able to raise $15,000 to buy the land, large enough for 50 plots, and the handsome gates and plaques. In addition to the association membership, there are another 70 or so Jewish families in the Okanagan Valley, many of whom attended the dedication.

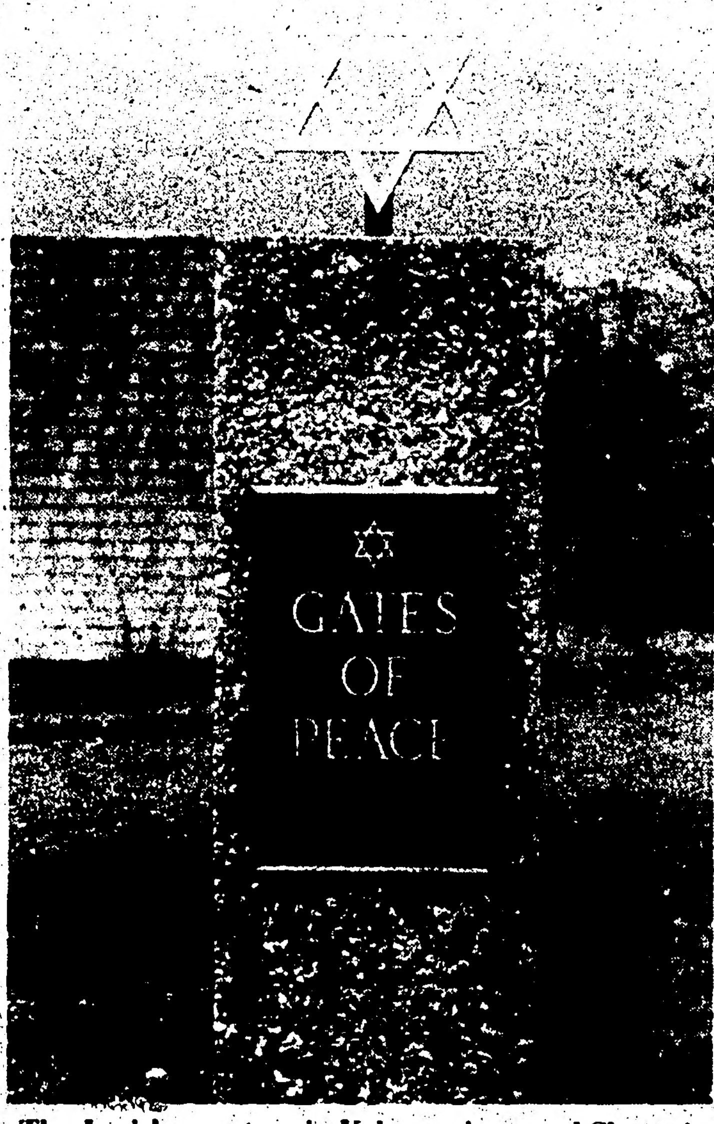
Shaarey Shalom is intended to meet the needs of Jews living in the area between Osoyoos and Kamloops, said Harold Glick, treasurer. Up to now deceased have had to be sent to Vancouver, Edmonton, or burial places in the U.S.

The Jewish residents raised most of the money by shipping boxes of B.C. apples to synagogues and Jewish organizations right across Canada. There were individual large donations as well, including one of $2,500 from Alex Weinberger of Bartex, Montreal, to pay for the cemetery gates.

Response to the appeal for funds came mostly from Calgary and Winnipeg, with some response from Vancouver, and Toronto Glick said. "Strangely, we didn't get any answer from any place east of Montreal."

The nearest synagogue is in Vancouver, and the tiny community has set its next task as building a community centre in Kelowna, a city of about 70,000 people.

"It is not practical for us to build a synagogue because we have a fractured community in terms of what kind of a synagogue, Orthodox or Conservative, it should be," Glick said. "We'd lose a whole bunch, for example, if we made it a Conservative one. There are also a lot of mixed marriages in the Valley."



The Jewish cemetery in Kelowna is named Shaarei Shalom (Gates of Peace).

This has not prevented the community from holding well-attended High Holiday services, this past year at the Oddfellows Hall at Rosh Hashanah and in the gymnasium at St. Michael's Catholic Church at Yom Kippur. A community seder attracted 70 people, including children, and many families stayed overnight.

They brought in the Shalom Dancers from Vancouver with help from the Canadian Jewish Congress and Air BC and the concert was attended by 550, including a large number of senior citizens who were admitted free.

On Jan. 28, the community will honor a Dutch woman in Kelowna who, with her late husband, saved 32 Jews. "I just washed the dishes, my husband did all the work," she told Glick.

Premier William Van Der Zalm has agreed to attend the event as well as the consul-general of the Netherlands and Mayor Jim Stewart.

In February there will be a Yiddishkeit Night and in March a Purim party, to be followed by another community seder.

Rabbi Klein, who conducted the dedication ceremonies at the cemetery, is now retired, after serving as a rabbi in the U.S. and in Victoria.

The community bought the land for $12,500 from the Lakeview Memorial Gardens, which is next door. The cemetery overlooks one of the area's many lakes.

BB Canada hits Swedish anti-kosher poultry law

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Canada's Institute for International Affairs has expressed its concern to the Swedish government over a law denying Swedish Jews access to kosher poultry, says a BB news release.

Sweden adopted on Oct. 1 a civil law amendment making the stunning of poultry prior to slaughter mandatory in all slaughterhouses.

The Jewish ritual of slaughter known as shechita does not permit the stunning of animals for kosher meat.

Norway and Switzerland have similar slaughter laws to Sweden, but Jews are exempted.

Sweden also prohibits the import of poultry, leaving its 15,000 Jews with no source of kosher fowl.

In a letter to Ola Ullsten, Sweden's ambassador to Canada, Institute chairman Ralph Snow and director Ellen Kachuck noted that government-sponsored initiatives against the Jewish people in the past have often begun with restrictions on animal slaughter.

The letter urged Ullsten to request an amendment to the law to permit the kosher slaughter of poultry.

The Institute — along with Rabbi Moishe Stern, of Toronto's Shaarei Tefillah Congregation — had previously requested a meeting with Ullsten at the beginning of December. Ullsten declined, the news release said.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Shevat 2 (Jan. 8 this year) is the yahrzeit of Judea's Hasmonean king Alexander Yannai, who died in 76 BCE. The era's *perushim* (Pharisees), rabbis and scholars, declared it a national holiday.

Alexander Yannai, who became king in 103 BCE and high priest of the Temple, was the grandson of John, or Jochanan, the Maccabee. The latter and his brothers Judah, Jonathan, Simon and Eliezer are celebrated at Chanukah for liberating the Temple from the Graeco-Syrians in 160 BCE.

Warfare continued long after that year, with Jerusalem reconquered in 135 BCE. It was not until Syrian king Antiochus was defeated in his war against Parthia that Yannai's father was able to decisively break the enemy's hold on the Holy Land. In the momentum of his campaigns, he also waged successful war against Transjordan, Samaria, and Iudemia, and established a semi-hellenized military government.

Yannai's elder brother Judah Aristobulus succeeded their father. He launched a 1-year reign of terror in which he murdered their mother and imprisoned Yannai and his other brothers, whom he feared might plot against him; only Yannai survived. According to historian Josephus, Judah was the first Hasmonean to adopt the title of king; the hellenized ruler was also high priest. "The masses of the Jews sighed with relief when he died, drink, disease, and the haunting fear of rebellion having curtailed his life," writes Solomon Grayzel in *History of the Jews*.

Military campaigns

Yannai continued with the military campaigns and forced conversion of Judea's conquered neighbors. Their territories became part of a Jerusalem-based empire spanning both sides of the Jordan. He was supported by the *zadokim* (Sadducees), a caste of Temple priests whose titular head he was, and by the wealthy landowners. The honors and treasures he shared with them did not filter down to the farmers, peasants, and artisans, who bore the suffering of prolonged warfare. The masses' literacy and drive for equality were being fostered by the newly emergent cadres of populist scholar-rabbis, the perushim.

When Yannai lost almost his whole army to an Arab ambush in 89 BCE, the force with which he held his populace in check seemed to flag. On the Succoth following his defeat, he was officiating at the Temple services when the gathered populace began pelting him with etrogim. At the enraged ruler's orders, soldiers guarding the Temple charged into the crowds of worshippers and slaughtered hundreds of defenceless people.

The rebellion was on. The perushim solicited the aid of Syria's king Demetrius III, whose troops poured in to drive the Hasmonean ruler into hiding in the Judean hills. The bitter irony of the situation and the menace of renewed Syrian occupation were not lost on the populace. Some 6,000 perushim and their supporters deserted the Syrian army to swell Yannai's forces. With their aid he roared out of hiding and trounced the Syrians and their remaining perushim allies.

Restored to power, Yannai redoubled his brutal repression. He tracked down the rebellion's leaders, imprisoning or killing outright those who did not manage to flee the country in time.

At a palace banquet for zakodim in celebration of his victory, Yannai had 800 perushim crucified. The country was horrified, not only at the bloodiness of the deed but at its significance: Crucifixion was the ultimate pagan punishment for treason. Yannai's soldiers, who included a high proportion of mercenaries, prevented any further outbreaks against him. He ruled with an iron fist until his death, at age 49.

His widow, Shlomzion Hamalka, succeeded Yannai. To the amazement of all, she reversed longstanding Hasmonean policy and replaced key judicial and administrative posts with perushim. She attributed the change to her husband's deathbed wish. The wars ceased.

Shimon ben Shetach, commemorated in Ethics of the Fathers, launched legal reforms and universal education.

Shlomzion's decade as queen — while the zadokim bided their time — was a golden era, before the onset of civil war again.

Situated on Legislature grounds

Man. plans Holocaust memorial

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Holocaust survivor Philip Weiss will realize a 40-year-old dream when a memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust is erected on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislature in the spring.

A model of the memorial was unveiled recently by Manitoba's Premier Gary Filmon, Bonnie Mitchelson, the provincial minister of culture, Weiss, who chairs the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, and WJCC president Evelyn Katz.

"We survivors have always hoped every community would erect a memorial to the victims of the Holocaust," said Weiss. "Premier Filmon and his government have been just as positive about the project as was the previous NDP government (of Howard Pawley which was defeated last March).

The impetus for the memorial — the first of its kind to be built in Canada — came from Memorial Candles, a concert by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra two years ago (while Harold Buchwald was the WSO president) which was co-sponsored by Weiss's Holocaust Remembrance Committee and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Receipts from the concert were designated for the erection of the monument.

The monument is being designed by Strecheson, Katz Architects, a local architectural firm which also designed the year-old Royal Winnipeg Ballet building. The memorial will consist of seven 4-ft. by 7-ft. slabs of concrete, faced on the outside with black granite, fitted together to form a partial, broken Magen David. The design is meant to symbolize the broken Jewish communities of Eastern Europe.

As well, the names of lost family members and the names of the camps will be inscribed in brass letters in the slabs.

"We didn't want to create an impersonal, abstract sculpture or statue," said architect Alec Katz. "Rather, we wanted to have something survivors in Manitoba who had lost family could relate to. We also wanted to have a memorial with real names, so that other members of the Jewish community and the community at large could identify with it."

"This public memorial recognizes the pain and horror of many Manitobans whose families experienced this cataclysmic event of modern history," said Premier Filmon. "It will serve as a reminder to all Manitobans that this period of history must never be repeated."

WJCC president Katz said that the memorial "creates a tangible and strong focus for Holocaust survivors, their families, the Jewish community and the community at large" in echoing Premier Filmon's sentiments. "We are deeply moved by the government's cooperation in this important matter," she said.

The budget for the memorial is $75,000-$100,000. Organizers hope the memorial will be in place to be dedicated during Yom Hashoah ceremonies in May.

Jewish groups oppose Jews for Jesus ad

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The Globe and Mail appears ready to amend its advertising acceptance guidelines following a number of calls and letters protesting a full-page pre-Christmas ad placed by Jews for Jesus which critics say attempts to convert Jews.

The new guideline, to be added to existing ones, would bar ads that contained views that were directed at specific groups, said Mike Soliman, the newspaper's director of marketing.

"Obviously I learned something last week," he said, speaking of the telephone calls and letters which objected to the ad.

Both Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith Canada wrote to Globe and Mail publisher Roy Megarry expressing their concerns about the ad, which Congress said is an "unacceptable" attempt to proselytize Jews.

According to CJC Ontario chairman Charles Zaionz, the ad is "unacceptable" because it is "pointedly directed at a particular religious group by another group."

The message of the ad is that Jews are so lacking in the prospects for salvation that they require special attention by way of a concentrated appeal directed at them exclusively, Zaionz stated.

Bernie Farber, research director for Congress, said the ad is addressed to Jews and offers for sale a book entitled Jesus for Jews.

Farber said that at a time when most churches had abandoned attempts at converting Jews, a "fringe group" was still attempting it.

"The ad attempts to cloud the cultural and religious differences as well as to perpetuate the unacceptable axiom that conversion and acceptance of Jesus as the messiah is the road to salvation for Jews," stated Harry Bick national chairman of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith.

The League's letter stated: "The Globe has a responsibility to the public to ensure that their advertisers do not misrepresent or do not offend the general public. We do not support any form of censorship but we also feel that a newspaper must examine the source, content and intent of anything that appears on its pages."

Soliman, acknowledged the paper had received a number of complaints about the ad.

Promote own views

"Obviously there are people unhappy with the message," he said. As a result of those calls, "I may have picked up more insight on the group (Jews for Jesus) and their message," he said.

However, after initially stating "I'm still obliged to allow a group to express their opinions," he later stated the Globe had reconsidered and was close to implementing an additional guideline.

Advertisers "should concentrate on promoting their own views without targeting a specific group," he told The CJN.

The newspaper's guidelines already rule out ads that are misleading, defamatory, racist or in bad taste, he said.

The full-page ad, which cost about $18,000, was headed "Christmas would be impossible without the Jewish people," and stated "even today, some Jews are looking to Y'shua (Jesus) as the one who can save."

The ad goes on to offer for sale a book entitled Jesus for Jews which is about "Jewish people believing in Jesus — just like the New Covenant promises."

Soliman noted that despite the protests engendered by the Jews for Jesus ad, others have in the past stirred even more controversy — those placed by the Turkish embassy, which ired the Armenian community, and an ad run by the Church of Scientology.

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New government confronts crisis

After almost two months of bitter internal wrangling Israel's two major political parties have agreed to form a coalition government, thereby validating the dictum that politics is the art of compromise.

The urge to define the new coalition as a defeat for the religious parties and a victory for the two large power blocks should be resisted. No one is defeated when Israel finally empanels a government and the only victory is that of the Israeli people.

In the last two months the United Nations, the PLO and the United States have accelerated the momentum for trying to secure a solution for one of the Middle East's most vexing problems.

The UN's recognition of a Palestinian state, the PLO's new public relations silhouette and America's dramatic about-face on talks with the PLO all occurred while Israel's political parties were engaged in internecine strife as they maneuvered for roles in the new government.

The external pressure was enough to make the leaders of Labor and Likud realize that only a national unity government would be able to represent Israel at the time of crisis. This is all the more significant, given the fact that one of Israel's strongest allies, the United States, has severed one of the filaments that held the alliance together.

Although the new government is still in the process of establishing itself, there are some salutary aspects already emerging from its structure. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is showing prudence and imagination in trying to involve Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein in projected discussions about the future of the Palestinians.

Trial balloons regarding the possibility of elections in Gaza and the territories — within the context of the Camp David autonomy idea — have been floating around as well.

Since the recent elections in Israel this is the first evidence that Israel is confronting its problems openly and with resourcefulness.

This is something every one can applaud.

Controversy swirls around two plays

Jews are major actors in two plays which have been swirling in controversy since they were first presented several weeks ago. Vienna and New York City, interestingly enough, are the battlegrounds over these new dramas.

Thomas Bernhard's *Heldenplatz* (Heroes' Square) opened to harsh newspaper and public criticism in Vienna in November. Austrians are enraged by the dramatist's story about the large square where Adolf Hitler appeared in triumph to an estimated 1 million jubilant fellow Austrians after the Nazi annexation in March of 1938.

Picketing, television debates, and protests have accompanied Bernhard's tale of a Jewish family that returns to Vienna 50 years after the annexation and concludes that nothing has changed. The playwright's description of Austria as a country as "a stage where everything has run to seed," also prompted Kurt Waldheim to refer to the play as "a crass slander of the Austrian people."

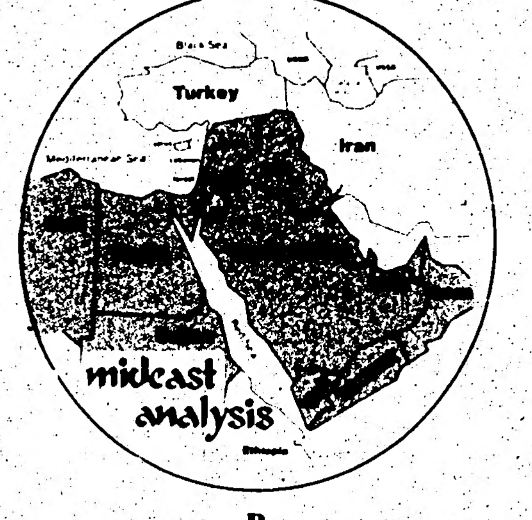
If Bernhard's views constitute slander, what is one to think of Joshua Sobol's *Soul of a Jew*, the work of an Israeli dramatist whose play about the Viennese Jew, Otto Weininger, opened for a brief run at New York City's Symphony Space.

Weininger, who was the incarnation of the self-hating Jew (he committed suicide shortly after converting to Christianity) is seen by Sobol as the source of what he, the playwright, views as Israel's destructive admiration for strength and belligerency. In the play Weininger is made to say about Zionism: "A Jewish state? All you can do is copy others. And what will you take with you to Palestine? The hatred? You'll turn into a monstrous caricature of Aryan existence.'"

It is indeed unfortunate that Sobol has misinterpreted the term dramatic licence in order to resuscitate a pathetic and tortured German Jew and transform him into a marionette who mouths the conventional anti-Israel rhetoric.

Saudis at centre of controversy

U.S. wants to sell Arabs arms



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Completing a visit to Israel last month, outgoing U.S. Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci declared that Washington would continue to sell military equipment to conservative Arab regimes.

"The notion that U.S. defence cooperation with moderate Arab states poses a danger to Israel is ill-founded and untrue," he said. "Israel must regard non-American arms in the hands of its neighbors as a higher risk."

Carlucci's comments, whether true or not, underline a fact of life: Washington's determination to supply nations such as Saudi Arabia and Jordan with modern, sophisticated weapon systems.

Even as Washington has upgraded its strategic relationship with Israel, the U.S. has not backed down from its position that the sale of arms to these pro-Western countries should be part and parcel of its overall Mideast policy.

The influential U.S. Jewish community has generally resisted such sales because these states are still in a technical state of war with Israel and have not joined the peace process, such as it is.

Arms sales to Egypt have not encountered opposition since the Egyptians and the Israelis entered into a peace treaty in 1979.

In recent years, Saudi Arabia — the world's largest oil exporter — has been at the centre of the most ferocious congressional battles over arms sales.

King Fahd

Despite a sharp decline in oil revenue, from $108 billion in 1981 to $20 billion in 1987, Saudi Arabia continues to spend huge sums of money on defence. Last year, when the budget as a whole shrank by 15%, military spending dropped by 8%. Such is the priority given to defence in Saudi Arabia — which is ruled by the religiously conservative House of Saud.

Saudi Arabia's military buildup has been awesome, particularly last year.

- In March, the Saudis purchased Chinese CSS-2 Wind missiles, whose range of up to 1,600 miles can theoretically threaten Israel.
- In April, the Reagan administration, which has been extremely friendly to Israel, formally notified Congress of plans to sell arms valued at $825 million to Saudi Arabia.
- In June, France and Saudi Arabia signed a $550 million contract for the supply of missile boats, attack helicopters and Exocet missiles (which Iraq deployed in its recently-concluded war with Iran).
- In July, Britain agreed to sell Saudi Arabia 50 Tornado jets, dozens of Hawk training aircraft, Black Hawk helicopters and minesweepers, and to build two air bases. The contract is worth an astonishing $25 billion. Two years ago, Britain sold Saudi Arabia 72 Tornado aircraft worth $7 billion.

According to reports, Saudi Arabia is considering asking the U.S. this year to sell it from $5 billion to $8 billion worth of weapons. President-elect George Bush favored such sales when he was vice-president.

The proposal, no doubt, will run into flak. In 1988, pro-Israel members of Congress forced President Reagan to delete an important component — 1,600 Maverick air-to-ground missiles — from a $1 billion arms package for Saudi Arabia that eventually mustered approval.

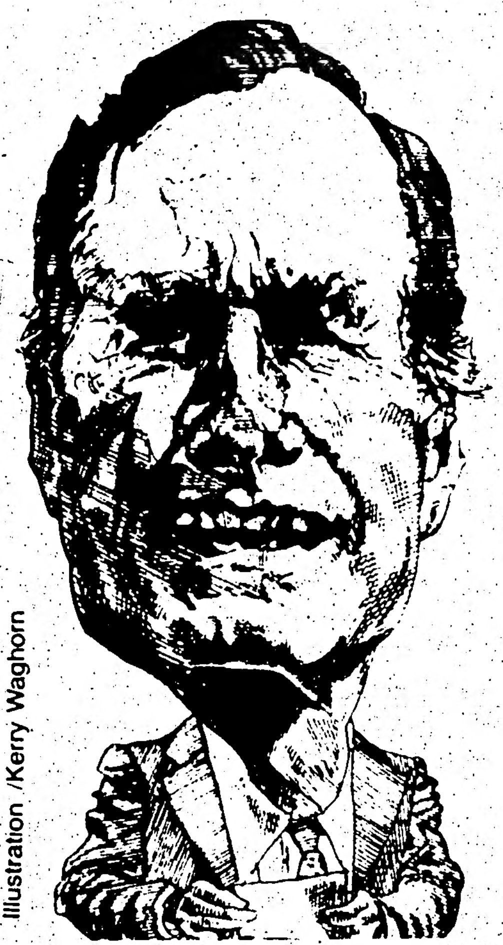


Illustration /Kerry Waghorn

George Bush

In the past nine years, the U.S. and Saudi Arabia have signed three major arms deals that aroused a storm of protest on Capitol Hill.

- In 1978, under the presidency of Jimmy Carter, the Saudis pressed for, and got, F-15 jets.
- In 1981, shortly after Reagan was inaugurated, the Saudis were given permission to buy AWACS radar surveillance planes.
- In 1986, they were allowed to purchase missiles.

The Saudi buildup, which has been felt in all branches of its armed forces, is prompted first and foremost by its concern to protect its lucrative oil fields, the basis of Saudi Arabia's fabulous wealth.

During the Gulf War, which raged from 1980 until several months ago, Saudi Arabia was under pressure to protect the vital shipping lanes of the Persian Gulf, though which flows a great deal of Arab oil, and to ward off possible attacks from Iran.

Saudi Arabia was on poor terms with Iran because it supported Iraq, Iran's arch enemy, and feared the influence of Shiite Islamic fundamentalism. Several years ago, in the only clash of its kind in the Gulf War, Saudi Arabian pilots shot down two Iranian aircraft in Saudi airspace. And in 1987, not long after thousands of Iranian pilgrims ran amok at a religious festival in Mecca, Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic relations with Iran.

Saudi Arabia buying weapons

Oil and Iran notwithstanding, Saudi Arabia's immense appetite for arms may well be a reflection of its residual animosity to Israel. When he was crown prince, King Fahd claimed "the day will come when Israel is finally eliminated." Crown Prince Abdullah, the minister of defence, said on Radio Riyadh in 1984 that he was convinced that Israel "will disappear as an entity and disintegrate."

Saudi hostility to Israel is rooted in four factors: Islam; Wahabbism (the brand of puritan Islam peculiar to Saudi Arabia); Arab nationalism; the refusal of 6th century Jews to accept the teachings of Mohammed the Prophet.

More recently, the Saudis have brazenly equated Zionism with Communism. During the Yom Kippur War, King Faisal made this fantastic connection in talks with the Jewish U.S. secretary of state, Henry Kissinger.

Despite their hostility to Israel, the Saudis are basically flexible insofar as a settlement is concerned. Although they have dispatched men and material to Arab-Israeli war fronts, they now realize that the Arabs are incapable of defeating Israel militarily and that Israel is best confronted politically.

Prior to the Yom Kippur War, Saudi policy was to perpetuate the Arab-Israeli conflict. But after that momentous war, Saudi Arabia came to the belated conclusion that a war against Israel could be disadvantageous because it could inflame radicalism and enhance Soviet interests.

Riyadh views a political settlement as a means by which to increase Saudi security, not an end in itself, according to Jacob Goldberg, one of Israel's leading authorities on Saudi Arabia.

Therefore, only a settlement that speaks to Saudi security concerns is valuable.

In Saudi eyes, only a comprehensive settlement, which has the blessings of all major Arab antagonists, can bolster its security. A bilateral Arab-Israeli agreement, the Saudis believe, would be counter-productive since it would encourage Arab radicals and benefit the Soviet Union, with which it has no diplomatic relations.

King Faisal

Since 1976, Saudi Arabia has faced both options.

The Saudis supported efforts by Jimmy Carter to convene a Geneva conference. However, they denounced Egypt's separate pact with Israel. They did not back the Camp David Accords because Jordan and the PLO declined to participate and Syria was excluded.

In 1981, King Fahd presented an 8-point peace plan which, he believed, was comprehensive. Israel rejected it out of hand because it called for a full Israeli withdrawal from the territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state under the PLO on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Of late, Saudi Arabia has supported the idea of an international peace conference and supported the declaration of statehood by the PLO.

Saudi Arabia is not likely to be directly involved in any Arab-Israeli peace process unless Israel changes its policy drastically. Simply put, the Saudis are not prepared to lead the Arab world in a rapprochement with Israel. Under these circumstances, Saudi Arabia will continue to confront Israel on the political front.

Israel does not regard Saudi Arabia as a dangerous enemy, the way Syria is perceived. But the acquisition by Saudi Arabia of vast quantities of quality Western weaponry is, nevertheless, a source of disquiet in Jerusalem.

Housing industry begins to respond to seniors

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Not too long ago senior citizens had few alternatives when it came to living arrangements. Some chose to remain in homes which had grown too big for them, while others made the decision to change their lifestyle by settling into a more dependent and communal-type of living arrangement.

Today another option is being formulated as the number of senior citizens escalates. While there are 2.6 million seniors in Canada today, this segment of the population is expected to swell in the future as the "baby boom" generation — those born between 1946 and 1966 — approaches retirement age.

By the turn of the century, the number of those over 65 is expected to grow to 4 million and should be up to 6 million by 2021 and 7.5 million by 2031 when 25% of the population will be seniors.

In Metro Toronto alone, the number of senior citizens is expected to increase from the present level of about 222,000 to 455,000 in 2021.

Not only will there be more seniors in the upcoming future, but they are expected to be healthier, live longer and have more money.

Although this surge is still a few years off, the ripples of change are beginning to be felt upon society as the housing industry gives birth to a new type of development: senior citizens' condominiums.

This type of housing is being geared toward those who are looking to downsize their living arrangements without changing a lifestyle they have carefully nurtured over the years.

"What salespeople trying to sell to this market fail to realize is that people in the 50- to 60-year old bracket have already achieved a lifestyle and want the reassurance of maintaining their current level over the next 20 to 30 years in a way that is manageable, enjoyable, secure and is a good investment," says Barry McCorquodale, managing director of the Retirement Resource Group, an organization which provides consultation to developers and communities in establishing condominiums for senior citizens.

The concept for RRG came about after Bob Hart, chairman of the agency, obtained a $3,000 loan from an East York church and brought together local seniors and real estate developers to develop a condominium for seniors. The result was Leaside Gate, a 107-unit condo in the Borough of East York.

As a result of its success, Hart was approached by other organizations interested in duplicating his winning formula. Around the same time, Hart met McCorquodale who was then director of seniors' services of First Place Hamilton, a 500 resident seniors' complex, and the two launched RRG.

Hart's formula — first tried at Leaside Gate — involves meeting with the building's residents while the condominium is in the pre-construction stage.

Beginning 12 months before Leaside Gate opened, owners were brought together for monthly meetings with insurance representatives, decorators, movers and auctioneers who helped them prepare for the transition to their new environment. As well, 23 residents went to night school for eight weeks to take a course in condominium management to better understand the project.

"This is the first condominium in history where the management was trained three months before completion," claimed Hart, who has been active on several government and private sector committies having to do with seniors' issues.

He said those buying into Leaside Park — a 173-unit, 10-storey seniors' condominium in East York that RRG is involved in — are already meeting every two months, although completion is still two years away.

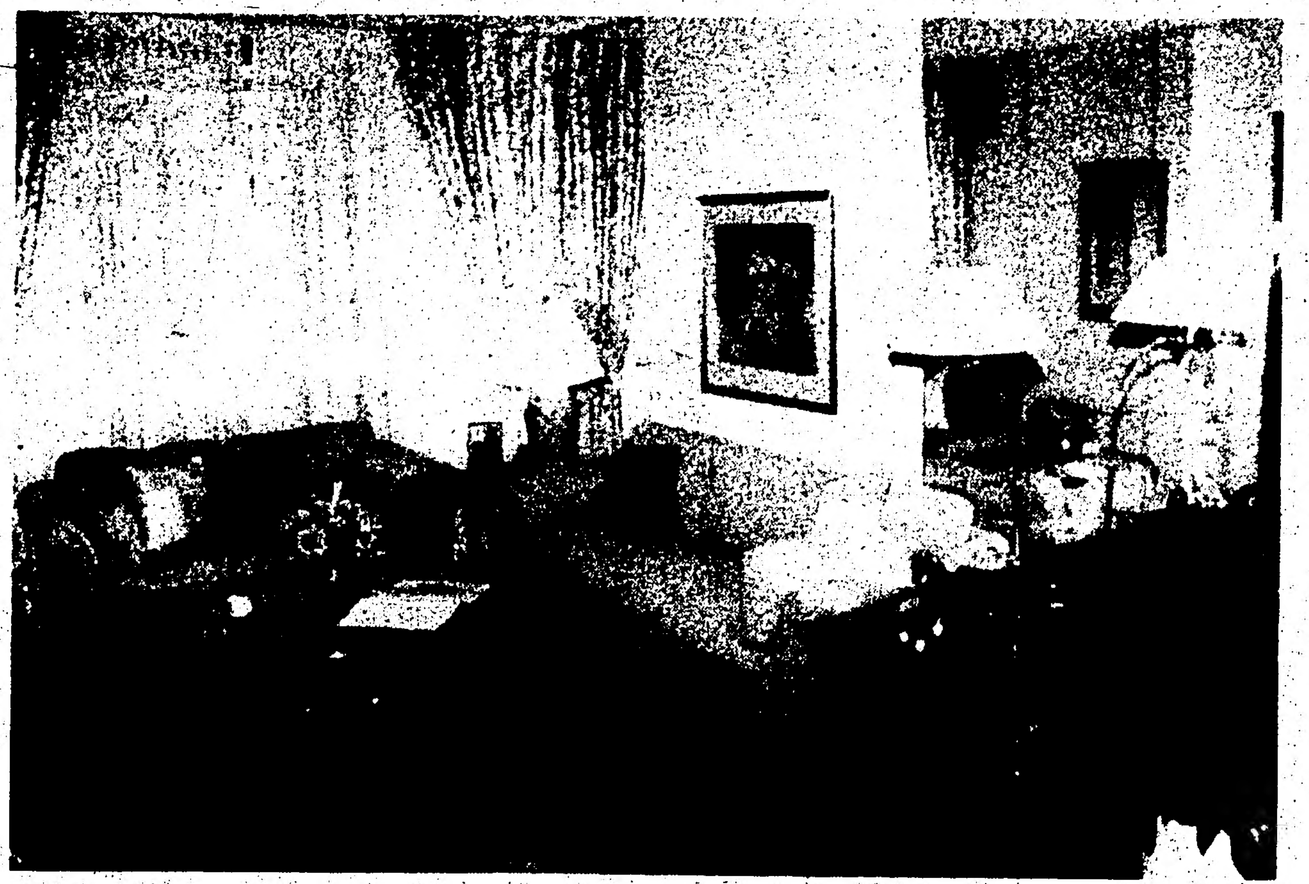
Going one step further, Hart said he wants to train everyone buying into another project RRG is involved in at Bathurst and Lawrence to enable them to understand "the simplest terms" of what goes on.

Not only do these meetings allow the RRG to ease buyers' concerns, but allow them to get input on what senior citizens are looking for when buying a condo. As a result, developers are able to modify their projects to meet local needs.

The RRG also helps developers in dealing with local governments and devising an appropriate marketing stategy.

Howard Cohen, president of Prime Life, one of the first development companies devoted exclusively to seniors' housing, said its next project at Bathurst and Lawrence, the 7-storey, 101 unit Bathurst Square, will feature slightly larger units, with more 2-bedroom units available, eat-in kitchens to accommodate visits by grandchildren and probably a Shabbes elevator, as the building is situated in a largely Orthodox Jewish area.

This company was formed in March 1988 to develop and market condominiums for those "55 and better." As a subsidiary of the Goldman Group, its joint venture partners include The Retirement Resource Group, IMC Real Estate Inc., Gabor and Popper Architects, Majsui Baer Vanstone Inc., Lemishka Brooks Partners, Vertechs Design Inc., The Green Group, Goldlist Construction Inc., IPCF Properties Inc., and Journey's End Motels.



Interior of model suite of Leaside Park, which is being developed by Prime Life. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Cohen said Prime Life was formed after learning of Hart's experiences in East York.

"We started looking into it and realized it was a very interesting part of the market," said Cohen, who also serves as president of Goldman's development arm, Goldfam Holdings. "He lit the fire under us."

Since then Prime Life has worked with RRG on two projects including Leaside Park and St. George Mews, a condominium building near the intersection of Bloor and St. George.

He said that prior to companies such as Prime Life, senior citizens looking to sell their homes tended to buy anywhere. However these moves often proved to be temporary as the senior's "new" residence became unsuitable as the buyers aged.

Therefore, Hart believes seniors' condos should be designed to allow people to maintain their existing lifestyle while having the capability of being modified to meet the changing needs of the residents as they age.

"In 1990 it should serve as a condominium for independent living, in 2005, it should be modified to serve as a retirement home and in 2010, parts of the building should be further modified to provide accommodation for those who need more extensive care," Hart said.

While not a homogeneous group, Cohen said seniors are generally looking for security and independence.

"Sometimes they need a little support, not because of their age, but because of a medical condition," Cohen stated.

Beyond that it appears that the age of the senior citizens largely determines the type of housing they are seeking. Hart said that by the time a person reaches 55 they don't want to have to look after gardens or shovel snow.

Cohen said people in the 55-plus bracket are often busy travelling and are basically looking for convenience and a few amenities such as whirlpools.

However, by the time they reach 70, they are more security conscious and want to be near shops and their doctors. Inside their homes, these people are looking for features such as 24-hour emergency call buttons, grab bars, concierge service and the potential for social activities.

"More than anything else we want to stay near our friends, our clubs and the shops we know," says Hart. "Sure we will move to a retirement village if there is no better alternative, but given the chance of living in appropriate accommodation in our own community, we will take the latter."

McCorquodale said RRG looks for basic criteria such as immediate access to public transportation and close proximity to shopping centres.

Individual suites in Prime Life projects feature spacious, bright rooms with bay windows and larger doorways, and include specially equipped kitchens, large pantries and ensuite laundry facilities.

All buildings also feature recreation and social facilities including a whirlpool and exercise area, library, lounges, craft room and a multi-purpose room for gatherings and parties.

"We keep the focus on the individual," McCorquodale stressed.

As well as benefiting the individual, Cohen said that by adding a Prime Life project to these communities, they are freeing up a number of larger homes for families with children to move into.

Another recently formed company targeting seniors' housing is First Leisure Homes, a subsidiary of First City Development Corp. Ltd.

It plans to introduce itself on the market with a 600-plus unit condominium project, straddling the border between the City of Hamilton and the Township of Glanbrook. The development's numerous designs — all detached bungalows — are designed for those seniors who dislike highrise living.

Hart, McCorquodale and Cohen all agree that while the private sector is just beginning to venture into this new field, other companies will eventually follow their lead...and not too long in the future.

"Within the next five years people in high rise condominiums will be looking for alternatives," McCorquodale said, pointing out that the average age of people coming into their buildings is 62 to 65 years.

With the coming demographic changes, Cohen said Prime Life hopes to become a major producer of seniors' housing.

"The real problem is the lengthy approval process," he said. "It makes it expensive for everybody.

"It's time for new ideas and fresh approaches," Cohen added. "We feel that local residents, government, as well as business, should make a conscious effort to meet the demands of our increasing population of over 55 baby boomers."

Despite concerns about the time required by governments to approve development projects, all agree they will continue to play an important role in providing the elderly with accommodation.

"We don't pretend to serve those who need assistance," Cohen stated. "We serve people who have some equity and can take care of themselves."

This constitutes about 70% of the seniors' population, according to Hart. For those who have neither the financial resources nor desire to buy a condominium there are other alternatives available as the growth of retirement homes confirms.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities is among the leaders in developing retirement homes in Toronto. These homes are run on the principle of "preventing illness and promoting wellness" and allow residents to take responsibility for their lives.

The homes include numerous facilities for seniors' enjoyment, including libraries, art galleries and cooking centres to enable tenants to prepare the occasional meal.

A choice of living arrangements is also made available depending on the person's age and medical condition.

One of Lifestyle's newer retirement homes is currently being developed in the Bathurst-Eglinton area of Toronto as part of a continuum of care facility which will also include a senior citizens apartment building.

Forest Hill Place will be a 156-room, 8-storey retirement home with one floor devoted to nursing care. The building will contain amenity areas on the main and basement levels for a lobby, dining room, lounges, plus administrative and staff areas.

The adjacent Dorothy Klein Seniors Housing apartment building will house 102 1-bedroom and 23 2-bedroom apartments. Some of these will be made available to senior citizens with low-to-moderate incomes.

The building will also contain amenity areas on the main and basement levels including a lounge, sewing and crafts room, a recreation room, an exercise and health rooms, and four private patio areas.

Joining the two buildings will be a 1-storey amenity building with doctors' offices, a convenience store with a drug counter and a community service office.

Within Toronto's Jewish community, Jewish Family & Child Service entered the field of seniors' housing a few years back with Elm Ridge Group Living Residence.

At this "unique" project, residents are provided with a private bedroom which can be furnished to suit individual tastes and a semi-private bathroom. Residents share a kitchenette, sitting room and lounges where friends and family can be entertained. They prepare their own breakfasts and the other meals are prepared in a kosher kitchen.

Elm Ridge also provides its residents with a wide variety of activities including movie nights, bingo, exercise classes and shopping outings.

It's only a matter of time

By
ELAINE KAHN

We got the girls watches for Chanukah and I asked my parents to get them clock radios and then my sister asked if they needed calendars and I said yes.

I saw the theme only afterwards.

My poor babies! We've sacrificed them to the time monster. Worse yet, they'll be 10 this spring, the age at which my Aunt Molly told me, 25 years ago, "just think of it, dear — you're now into the double digits and will never get out of them."

Such a sunny childhood I had.

Is my kids' childhood over? Was it already killed last year when my sister-in-law bought them day books? Or were they cursed from birth, given that, long before my peers began developing Filofax arm (leathery and longer than the other), I spent time in the White Rabbit Clinic for appointment calendar addicts?

And with no success. I can think of only one activity I don't still mark into my appointment book — I bet you can too.

If timing is all, then my babies need to master it. But they're growing up in a world in which hyper is next to godly, so I wonder whether I'd have done better by them if I'd simply given them really nice hourglasses.

When cars can now come with both phones and FAX machines, even I, who once won Miss Punctuality in a beauty contest, pause to think.

Not that I pause long. I wouldn't want to get frustrated. I recently learned that studies show a delay of more than one second for any computer operation makes the modern user frustrated — and I use a computer, so have probably been conditioned.

The *Sesame Street* fast clips generation gone completely haywire. Hard to believe Israelis may begin to look patient by comparison.

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I resent FAX machines. For years I antagonized friends because, although they would wait months to answer my letters, I'd reply the same day. Now, through the miracle of FAX, everyone's doing what I've gotten hell for, for years.

It's going to make us all crazy, this speed, like answering machines have made us crazy. No longer can you avoid people by saying you phoned when you actually didn't because you didn't really want to talk to them anyhow. They know you're lying — they all have machines.

Not that I don't want a FAX — I want one worse than the box of 96 crayons I almost splurged on the other day. A person who gets high looking at fresh crayons is, aside from not being normal, a little outside the pale of technological crazes. But this FAX, this is a wonderful thing.

When FAX machines come down in price, I'll be able to instantaneously share my favorite cartoons with dear ones. I'll never again have to wait in a post office wondering why, if there are no slow people left on earth, they all work there. At last, I'll be able to argue with my sister without being told my tone of voice is wrong.

In fact, I'll never have to talk to anyone again.

Wait a minute. . . .

Opinion

Canada may be pressured to vote against Israel

Middle East expected to dominate Security Council

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

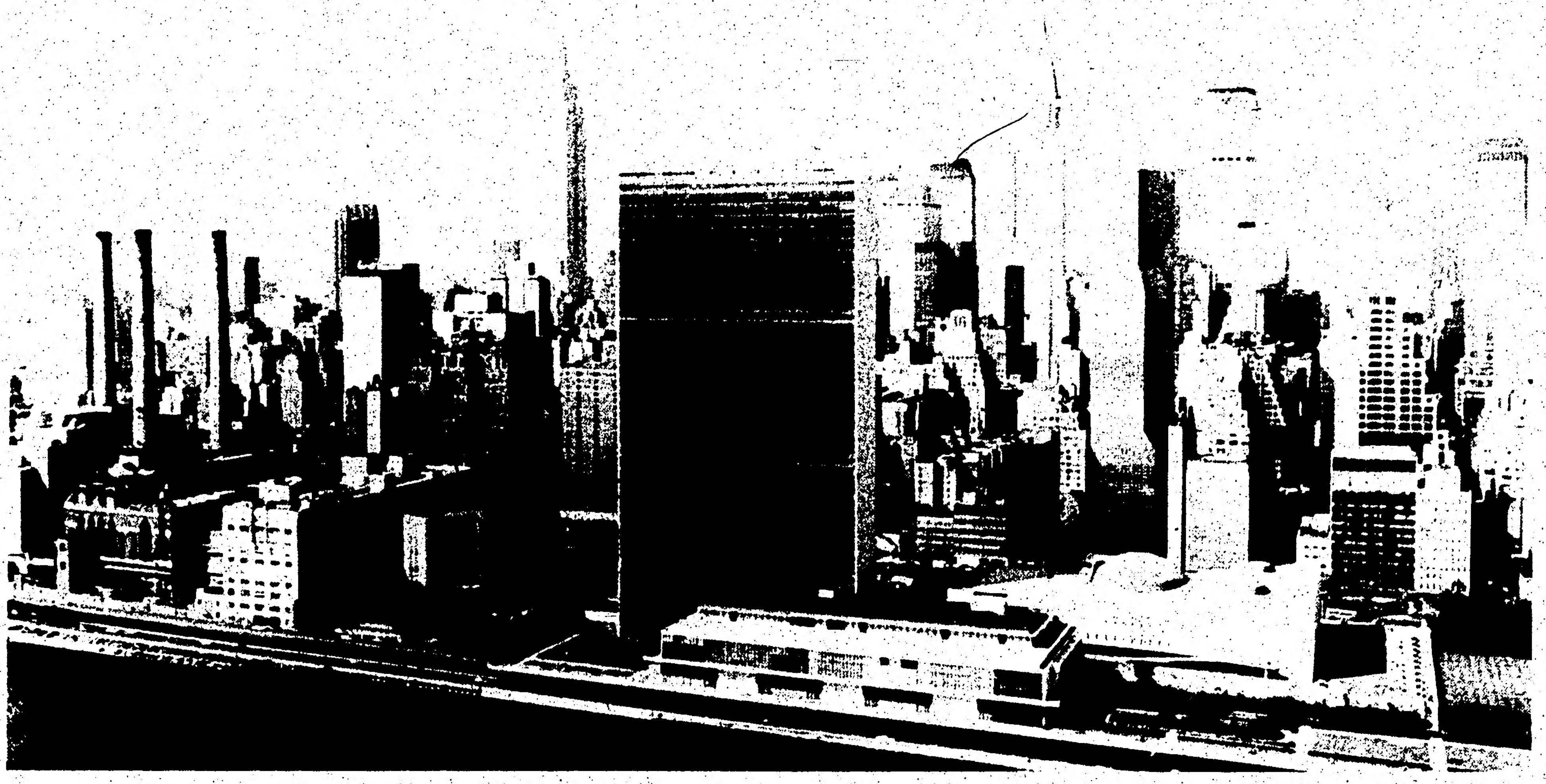
When Canada takes its non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council later this month, the Middle East will probably be the chief issue on the table.

Regional conflicts throughout the world, from the Iran-Iraq War to the turmoil in Afghanistan, have either been defused or appear soluble.

But in the Middle East, it is business as usual. The Arab-Israeli dispute, and particularly the long-simmering Palestinian question, has eluded a peaceful settlement..

To be more exact, the Palestinian uprising rages on, prompting criticism and condemnation of Israel's presence on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. And in southern Lebanon, where anarchy and chaos reign, Israel is regularly rapped for staging raids against PLO and Lebanese Shiite camps.

"The Middle East is really on top of the Security Council's agenda now," said George Ignatieff, Canada's ambassador to the United Nations during the Six Day War. "The other potentially pressing issues — Afghanistan, the Gulf War, Angola, Namibia, the Western Sahara war — seem on the way to resolution. There are only two outstanding issues left — the Middle East and, to a lesser degree, Central America."



Canada takes its place at UN Security Council this month.

George Ignatieff

Ignatieff, who worked closely with Israel to formulate Resolution 242, told The Canadian Jewish News he had written a letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney saying the Middle East would be the "most acute" issue facing the Security Council.

And, he added, there may well be pressure on Canada to vote against Israel, even though Canada, as a temporary member of the Security Council, has never done so.

Canada has cast votes against Israel in the General Assembly. Ignatieff, for example, voted with the majority in criticizing a military parade staged by Israel in Jerusalem in the wake of the Six Day War. But in the 15-member Security Council, Canada has traditionally been supportive of Israel.

Ignatieff suggested that the Palestinian question will loom larger than in the past partly because it is no longer viewed exclusively as a refugee problem and partly because the PLO has finally reconciled itself to Israel's existence.

And there's a "new element" to watch for — the Soviet Union, more so than at any time since 1967, may well use its influence to make the Arab side more amenable to a peace settlement.

Ten years ago, when Canada last sat on the Security Council, the Middle East did not figure so prominently on its agenda, Geoffrey Pearson, executive director of the federally endowed Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, said in an interview.

In November of that year, Anwar Sadat, Egypt's president, broke ranks with the Arab world and went to Israel to address the Knesset. "The Middle East dispute seemed on the road to settlement and the issue was removed from the Security Council's hands," Pearson said.

This time, however, the situation is different. As a result of the *intifada*, widespread demands for an international peace conference and the PLO's acceptance of Israel, the Middle East will most likely occupy a central place in the consciousness of the Security Council.

Asked what role Canada can play at Security Council meetings, Pearson replied: "There's all kinds of room for us to offer constructive compromises — like in 1967, when George Ignatieff helped draft Resolution 242."

William Barton, Canada's envoy to the UN during the 1977-78 period, recalled that the Security Council's main activity revolved around the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), in response to Israel's mini invasion of southern Lebanon.

Joe Clark

Stephen Lewis

Israel Gur-Arieh

Canada, in common with all the other members of the Security Council, saw the necessity of such a peacekeeping force.

Barton says he can't recall "a difficult vote on the Middle East." Once the U.S.-inspired and sponsored Camp David peace process got under way, the Security Council became a spectator of the unfolding diplomacy aimed at giving the Palestinians local autonomy and bringing Israel and Egypt closer to signing a peace treaty.

Asked if Canada might modify its position toward Israel after taking its seat on the Security Council, Barton said he did not know. "However, if a resolution (on the Arab-Israeli conflict) finds general acceptance, I'm sure we would favor it."

And if Canada concluded that Israel was not making "the slightest effort" at reaching a peaceful settlement, "it could affect our vote."

Stephen Lewis, the UN ambassador from 1984 to 1988, was loath to comment about Canada's possible record at the forthcoming session of the Security Council.

"I'm not privy to what Canada is thinking. I have absolutely no idea what Canada will do. I wouldn't want to predict."

Decisions vis-a-vis the Middle East, he explained, are decided at the most senior levels of government. "So I couldn't offer you any speculation."

Yves Fortier, Canada's current ambassador, said he didn't think Canada would have a problem in maintaining Canada's "careful middle ground."

Peyton Lyon, a retired Carleton University political scientist who has been critical of Israeli policy, believes Canada will vote against Israel should the issue of the *intifada* reach the Security Council.

"Canada is very close to the Western European voting mainstream on the Middle East. We've been holding back. But we do'nt have too far to go to be lost in the mob of West European countries."

Lyon, a former Canadian diplomat, argued that resolutions unfavorable to Israel "don't have to be perceived as anti-Israel." As he put it: "Israel isn't always able to act adequately in its own interests. And it's not necessarily anti-Israel when Canada doesn't yield to the Israeli government."

Israel's ambassador in Ottawa, Israel Gur-Arieh, expressed confidence that Canada would hew to its traditionally friendly attitude toward Israel.

"We have no reason to think Canada will change its policy."

Palestinian political rights a key issue

Observers agree that several momentous issues could face Canada — Israel is our third largest trading partner in the Middle East — in the Security Council: Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising, the deportation of Palestinian nationalists from the territories, the building of new Israeli settlements there and Israeli strikes against suspected PLO bases in Lebanon or elsewhere.

According to some observers, the issue that may yet galvanize Canada to vote against Israel is that of Palestinian political rights.

Although Canada does not recognize the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians, Canada recently adopted a strong position against the refusal of the U.S. to grant Yasser Arafat a visa to address the General Assembly in New York City.

Canada has as yet to take an official position on the outcome of the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers. But Canada recently abstained on a UN General Assembly vote to recognize a Palestinian state, and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark said that Canada would not upgrade its relations with the PLO.

Still, pro-Israel analysts are clearly concerned that Canada's policy toward the PLO may eventually shift now that the U.S. has agreed to carry on a substantive, official dialogue with the PLO in Tunisia, its headquarters.

As one observer noted, "A very difficult situation may be facing Israel."

Harold Von Riekhoff, a Carleton University political scientist who specializes in Canadian diplomacy at the UN, said that Canada has been consistently pro-Israel since its first term on the Security Council in 1948-49.

Shortly after Israel's declaration of statehood, Canada, for technical reasons, abstained on admitting Israel to the UN. After Israel reapplied for membership, Canada accepted Israel's credentials.

In 1958-59, Von Riekhoff said, Canada voted for resolutions asking Israel and the Arab states to respect the various truce agreements that had been signed a decade earlier. "These were neutral and balanced resolutions." Canada also worked to get a UN observer force to Lebanon after U.S. marines landed in Beirut during the first Lebanese civil war.

On the eve of the Six Day War, Canada, in vain, tried to prevent the removal of UN peacekeeping troops in Sinai after the Egyptian president, Gamal Abdul Nasser, demanded it.

In 1977-78, Riekhoff said, there was "very little" Middle East business for the Security Council to consider. "Compared to other periods, the Middle East had a low profile. The Security Council was on the periphery of developments after Sadat's initiative."

It's doubtful whether this will be the case in 1989-1990.

Need to rethink positions, priorities

Goodbye 1988 and good riddance...

By
J. B. SALSBERG

We leave the calendar year 1988 without tears of regret. It was not the kind of year that Jews would want repeated. The best that can be said of it is that we may learn from its mistakes and resolve not to repeat them in the year ahead of us.

J. B. Salsberg

It was a year in which Jewish extremism tried to assert itself and thus demonstrated its lack of realism.

At year's end Israel, our Jewish state, was pathetically isolated on the world stage. Even America, Israel's steadfast supporter, felt free to ignore Israel's wishes and, for the first time, sought to establish diplomatic relations with Arafat, the leader of the PLO, whom it refused admission to attend a UN General Assembly meeting in New York only two weeks earlier.

That was a cruel cut, indeed, since it completed Israel's political isolation in the world for the moment.

It was the year, when Israel's general election revealed the tragic fact that Israel is a nation divided with a divided government; divided in outlook and in policy, but forced, by objective conditions, to be harnessed together.

It was the year, when stubborn, religious extremists forced the explosive and divisive issue of Who is a Jew to the centre stage of world Jewry, thus raising the spectre of a world split of Jewish society.

It was a year, when the stand-pat Shamir government deprived itself of initiative when it repeated for the nth time its resolve not to "surrender" one foot of our "historic land" (that includes, of course, Yehuda and Shomron).

It was also a year, when the more realistic policy of Labor's Shimon Peres, former prime minister of Israel, to trade land for peace was rejected by Likud's Yitzhak Shamir.

It was the year, when Canada, too, looked the other way when Israel became painfully isolated among the nations of the world.

It was also the year, when the name of Leon Trotsky, a Jew, a world figure, next only to Lenin in the leadership of the 1917 Russian revolution, who was assassinated in Mexico by a Stalin hireling, was politically "rehabilitated" (as were scores of other Russian-Jewish revolutionaries) by the present Soviet leadership and cleared of all charges made against him by Stalin and his murderous accomplices.

It was also the year when it was found that in our prosperous land, in Canada, more than a million underfed and hungry children come to their schools in the morning without breakfast. Furthermore, it is a fact that tens of thousands of working families in our land had to supplement their diets with free "food parcels" provided by firmly established food banks in church basements, firehalls, etc.

But, it was also the uplifting year:

When: the Toronto Jewish community excelled itself in raising, through its UJA-Toronto Jewish Congress, more than was ever raised in a single year!

When: earlier in the year, the troubling Who is a Jew issue was first raised at a meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress; it was, at that time, moved by a small committee of Orthodox members of that body, to retain the status quo. And so it was.

When: in November of 1988, the Histadrut Harabanim of America, the largest Orthodox rabbinic organization in America, that is itself governed by halachic law, asked Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to remove the Who is a Jew Issue from the Knesset's agenda. They suggested that in their view the talmudic law on Who is a Jew is a concern of the rabbis and not of the secular Knesset.

When: Mikhail Gorbachev, the present liberalizing head of the Soviet government, met with World Jewish Congress leaders and made known his government's intention to help re-establish Jewish cultural and social institutions in some major centres of Jewish existence in the Soviet Union. (This is a major development in an area of prime Jewish concern, an area in which more than 2 million Jews now live.)

In my view, the old slogan of "Let my People Go" should be replaced by one that will emphasize the needs for rebuilding of a free, viable, self-administered Jewish society in that part of the world.

Of course, we must continue to insist on the rights of Russian Jews to leave if and when they desire to do so. But there has already been some easing-up on the departure process and this must be broadened. But approximately 2 million of our people will remain (for whatever length we cannot tell) and for them the resurrection of a pulsating Jewish cultural, religious and social life in that area is a challenge of first magnitude for the world Jewish leadership.

So, what are the lessons to be learned from our 1988 experiences? They are many, they are vital, and they are challenging.

To face up to these challenges that arise from the past year in Israel, Russia and America we need a thorough and very frank re-evaluation of our positions and our priorities like one we have rarely done before.

In conclusion: It was a cloudy and worrisome year for Jews as a people.

But, we will overcome!

A happy 1989!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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HITS BELLIGERENT FUND RAISERS

I find myself becoming increasingly upset with the effort by "community" fund raising organizations to force their views on Israeli politicians. They do so by threatening to withhold funds collected on behalf of Israel.

Is the next step the pressuring of Israel to withdraw from Judea and Samaria or to negotiate with the PLO?

It is about time that community fund raising organizations realize that, while they may be justified in setting priorities for local needs, they have no business attempting to impose their views on Israel.

Perhaps the time has come to seriously consider divesting Jewish federations of the right to raise funds on behalf of Israel!

Rabbi Mordechai Glick
Montreal

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SIMPLE DEFINITION OF JEW

It's about time that Israel's ultra-Orthodox rabbis realized this:

A Jew is a Jew who has Jewish grandchildren.

H. Max Seiden
Toronto

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TALE OF RUSSIAN PEASANT

Simon Margel's Dec. 1 letter, headed "Likud alienates Diaspora Jews," reminds me of a quaint tale.

Margel's letter argues: "Many Jews in the Diaspora support Israel because they know that, should anti-semitism reach the heights as in Nazi Germany, there is some place in the world where they will be welcome."

He goes on: "How will they feel now if they are welcome, but their children are not, because the children are adopted and have a Reform or Conservative conversion?"

I wish to say that, first of all, his reason for contributing money to Israel is a very strange one. I truly believed that Jews in the Diaspora gave because of love for the country — and not as an insurance policy in case of persecution.

As far as being "converted," again the Orthodox way, he reminds me of a story about a "muzhik" (a Russian peasant of yore), who went to Moscow for the first time to have his picture taken.

Upon his return, all the peasants gathered around him, admiring the photograph. When one of them ventured to ask if it hurt, the muzhik looked around at all the expectant faces and answered: "Just a little."

I have met quite a few people in Israel who went through an Orthodox "conversion" after making aliya (not because they had to, due to anti-semitism). Some were married to Jewish mates and went through a conversion here. And others were adopted, as well as some Ethiopian Jews. They all told me, "It didn't hurt." Pardon me, the only one who said it hurt was a man who was circumcised.

Frieda Kotler
Montreal

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"FOR SHAME, RABBI BURAK!"

Rabbi Moses Burak seems to take pride in the fact that, because he was a yeshiva student, he never had to serve in World War II against the Nazis in their plans to destroy world Jewry.

Let him ask the Warsaw Ghetto survivors how they feel about it.

I am proud to be a wounded but surviving veteran of both wars — from 1940 to 1945, in the underground and regular army in France; also as a *machalnick* in Israel, in the army during the War of Independence, following which I decided to stay in Israel until 1957.

These comments by a rabbi — a man of the cloth, deciding in God's name which of us should live or die, are indecent, and as far I am concerned, a heresy.

He should apologize for saying them, and for publishing them. For shame!!

George Jolson
Toronto

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RABBI'S NICE ARMY VISIT?

During World War II, I was a warrant officer stationed in England at the armored service corps headquarters, Canadian Second Division. Before going to France, a rabbi kindly visited us.

He offered to give me a prayer book to use. I invited him to lunch in the sergeants' mess, but he had already been invited to the officers' mess.

When he came out, he told me how wonderful the officers were to him in respect to me.

I don't remember his name. If he should see this, I would like very much to hear from him.

I am 76 years old. It would be nice to see him once more.

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"ABSURD, RABBI SCHOCHET!"

As a Reform Jew, I was shocked to read the latest rantings by that mischievous Orthodox Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet, who is a frequent letter-writer to The CJN.

He is at his most mischievous in a recent op-ed article in the Toronto Globe and Mail. Not content with claiming that an Orthodox conversion is the only "kosher-conversion" of a would-be Jew, he makes this ridiculous generalization: "Many Reform rabbis are self-professed atheists and agnostics."

That's as silly as saying: "Many Orthodox rabbis are self-professed bigots and extremists."

Rabbi, please reform your mischief-making tendencies to indulge in such absurdities.

S. Simon
Toronto

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Soviet journalist Slava Bogdanov maintains in letter there's a changing attitude about emigrating Jews.

MOSCOW'S CHANGE OF MOOD?

As a former assistant press attache at the Soviet embassy in Ottawa, I would like to convey the following information that may interest your readers:

Sensitivity about emigration from the USSR seems to be lessening. In the first nine months of this year, 66,000 people, including 15,700 Jews, have left the country.

It's not that the nation cares less now. Whenever someone leaves, families get separated. Nor has the notion of national security ceased to exist. About 300 people this year have been refused exist visas, mostly for security reasons.

According to the Soviet ministry of the interior, there are now only 5,000 people left who have applied to emigrate. But the entire situation in the USSR has changed dramatically.

Glasnost (openness) has created a new psychological environment, and *perestroika* (reconstruction) provides everybody with many more new alternatives and possibilities — possibly more attractive than many Western countries offer immigrants.

Those who apply for exit visas now have a much clearer picture of what to expect from the Western way of life than those who emigrated decades ago.

Soviet reporting on the West has become well balanced, and it's no longer intended to provide us with examples of insufficiencies of capitalism. Rather it concentrates on what can be learned from capitalism.

Quite a number of those who emigrated years ago have returned and resettled in the USSR. Their unhappy Western experience is obviously considered by those who apply for exit visas now. Up to the end of September, 74 exit visa applicants had changed their minds and decided to stay, after they had been allowed to go.

Slava Bogdanov
Novosti Press Agency
Moscow

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HECK ON TOO MUCH TO-DO!

Toronto's Adath Israel Synagogue made a big to-do recently about the visits of their Rabbi Erwin Schild to Germany.

The rabbi is 44 years too late.

Heck- He could have visited with us in 1945.

I. B. Frankel
Toronto

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INTENSITY OF DEBATE DISTURBING

As a secular Canadian-born Jew, who recently spent 10 years in Israel, I am understandably worried about the increasing political influence of the religious factions.

Nevertheless, I am even more disturbed by the intensity of criticism here surrounding the Law of Return amendment.

In your Dec. 1 editorial, "Bitter Dispute," you deride Israel's political process as "an abuse of statistics."

In Canada, it is barely an issue that merely 42% of the voters could "impose" a Conservative majority government and free trade upon the other 58% of Canadians.

Could it be said that American Jews, who compose 3% of their electorate, exercise unfair influence over U.S. Mideast policy through their political process?

It seems unlikely that Israel's friends should be joining her enemies in taking exception to the legitimacy of her election results. Israel's democracy is a blessing that should not be taken for granted, especially considering her imperiled existence.

The Law of Return is not a fundamental human right, but a privilege, unique in history, granted to Diaspora Jews by the people who have worked and fought valiantly to create, defend and build the State of Israel.

This privilege has been all but ignored until now by North American Jewry, as aliya statistics will prove.

Israel's importance to many secular Jews is as a refuge of last resort if another Holocaust should occur. In such a remote event, I am sure that Orthodox conversion or normal immigration procedures would still be available.

Israel's warm acceptance of Vietnamese refugees attests to this. But what about the importance of helping to ensure Israel's viability as a haven, should such a dreaded day arrive.

Bradley (Dov) Victor
Montreal

Against Bourassa's use of notwithstanding clause in sign law

Jewish groups critical of Quebec language law

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Both Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith have criticized Premier Robert Bourassa for using the notwithstanding clause to suspend the freedom of expression guaranteed in Quebec's charter of rights.

In a statement, which was sent to Bourassa, CJC, Quebec Region, said it was "deeply disappointed" by Bill 178, which allows Quebec to prohibit the use of any other language but French on outside commercial signs and places restrictions on the posting of bilingual signs indoors. The bill, which amends Bill 101, invokes the notwithstanding clauses of the Canadian and Quebec charters of rights.

On Dec. 15, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the French-only sign provisions of Bill 101 because they violate the freedom of expression guaranteed by Quebec's own rights charter.

CJC said that the use of the notwithstanding clause "violates not only the spirit of the decisions of the Supreme Court but also the great pride all Quebecers derive from the implementation of the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms and the principles inscribed therein.

"A sacred trust given to this government to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of all Quebecers will be breached by this action, an action which is even more regrettable at this time in history when the world is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Freedoms."

BB League for Human Rights national chairman Harry Bick said the Quebec government "seems to be indicating that the promotion of one culture is superior to the recognition and promotion of minority rights, a concept which the League rejects."

Acknowleging the "desire of francophone Canadians in and out of Quebec to foster their distinct linguistic and rich cultural background" and recognizing the "very difficult political situation" Bourassa found himself in after the Supreme Court ruling, Bick said, however, that "the rights and interests of one group must not be allowed to infringe unduly on the rights of another."

Bourassa's resorting to the notwithstanding clause "makes it clear that our concerns about the Meech Lake Accord were well founded."

The League's position is that the accord does not "adequately draw the line between the 'promotion of Quebec's distinct society' and the rights protected by the charter."

The League has called for the repeal of the notwithstanding clause, except in cases of national emergencies, in submissions to the Senate and to the Ontario government.

Bick said the use of the clause in language matters is "simply inappropriate."

The CJC statement notes that it has fought for the rights of all minorities in Canada, including francophone communities outside Quebec.

"In Quebec, the Jewish community has a long history of recognizing the need to promote the integrity of the French language. We regret, however, that the government would pursue this end by abrogating a basic human right and fundamental freedom."

Following the Supreme Court decision, both organizations welcomed the ruling and urged the Quebec government not to use the notwithstanding clause. CJC said it was pleased the high court recognized that freedom of expression includes the choice of language, while BB also applauded the rejection of English-only signs because they are "disrespectful towards Quebec's francophone majority."

Arthur Hiess, president of the Canadian Institute on Minority Rights, said the notwithstanding clause must be removed from the Quebec and Canadian charters.

"The debate is not whether Bourassa made a good or bad decision in using the clause. The issue is that the clause even exists...Bourassa said 'to hell with the constitution. I've got a delicate political situation on my hands and I'm going to suspend individual rights and if you don't like it lump it.' If he can do it for language rights, he can do it to suspend other rights."

Francophone Jews take a different view of the issue, Salomon Oziel, president of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec, indicated. There are at least 20,000 Sephardi Jews in Quebec.

Speaking personally because the CSQ will not take an official position, Oziel said anglophone Jews should understand the difficult situation Bourassa is in and he claimed that things would be worse for anglophones under the Parti Quebecois.

"Anglophone Jews should be helping Bourassa stay in power. I understand some people feel their rights are being taken away, but Bourassa cannot please both the francophone majority and the anglophones." As an individual, Oziel said his feelings on the language issue are "almost non-existent."

The only Jew in the National Assembly, Public Security Minister Herbert Marx resigned his cabinet post, along with two other anglophone cabinet ministers, saying as a "matter of principle and conscience" he could not vote for Bill 178.

Marx, who was first elected in 1979, represents the largely Jewish riding of D'Arcy McGee. D'Arcy McGee Liberal Association president Herbert Cohen said the riding organization fully supported the action Marx took. "There was no other possible avenue open to him."

Cohen noted that after the Supreme Court ruling the association took a "straw vote" and a "strong majority" felt Marx should resign, although, he stressed, Marx's decision was his own.

Although there is speculation Marx, 56, who was a constitutional law professor at the University of Montreal, will not seek re-election, Cohen said he did not know what Marx's future is and probably Marx himself has not decided. He has said Marx will remain a member of the Liberal caucus. Marx could not be reached for comment.

CJC was mum on Marx's resignation. Gary Waxman, the CJC Quebec Region community relations chairman, would only say Marx had acted on his own.

Waxman said CJC will probably hold a community meeting on the language issue to "obtain the pulse of Jewish community concerns." He added that CJC acted swiftly in denouncing Bourassa's decision because it felt the Jewish community was looking for that type of leadership.

Last summer, a CJC delegation led by regional chairman Morton Bessner met with Guy Rivard, the minister responsible for the application of Bill 101, and stated that the community "insists that the right to use and to be seen to use languages other than French is a human right and something that would demonstrate the respect that the majority linguistic group should show towards other linguistic groups in a democratic, modern society."

In the wave of mostly minor vandalism sparked by the language issue, CJC recorded that the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue was daubed with "101," but no other incidents appeared to be directed specifically at Jewish targets.

The legal challenge of Bill 101's prohibition of bilingual signs came from five businesses led by Brown's Shoes, whose president is Morton Brownstein, a prominent member of the Jewish community.

Former Hebrew U v-p Cherrick dies

Bernard Cherrick

JERUSALEM — Bernard Cherrick, 74, a vice-president of Hebrew University for 20 years, and a spokesman for it around the world, died here recently.

Because of his extensive travels and his contacts with Jewish communities everywhere, he came to be known as "Mr. Hebrew University."

Born in 1914 in Dublin, Ireland, Cherrick was raised and educated in England. He studied at the Liverpool Yeshiva and received his higher education at the University of Manchester and the London School of Economics. He served as rabbi of the New Synagogue in Stamford Hill, London, one of London's largest synagogues of the time.

During World War II, he was a chaplain in the British Army.

He made aliya in 1947 to head the Hebrew University's department of information and public affairs. He is credited with having played a major role in the rebuilding of the university since the 1948 War of Independence.

A chair in Jewish history in his name was endowed at the university 10 years ago by Edward and Peter Bronfman.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:
1. What is *halacha*?
2. What are the sources of *halacha*?
3. What is a Midrash?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:
1. The legal system of Judaism embracing all the laws and observances.
2. (a) The Written Law
   (b) Statements handed down by tradition.
   (c) The Oral Law.
   (d) Sayings of the Elders.
   (e) Custom ("minhag").
3. Rabbinic commentaries to the Bible (examination of the Scripture to make it yield more than lies on the surface.)

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Expected to depart for Israel soon

3 former Prisoners of Zion allowed to emigrate

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Three former Prisoners of Zion, told several weeks ago that their knowledge of state secrets would no longer be used as grounds for denying them permission to emigrate, have been promised exit visas, say Soviet Jewry activists.

Refuseniks Vladimir Kislik, of Moscow, and Evgeny Lein and Roald Zelichonok, both of Leningrad, were recently notified by OVIR emigration officials that they and their families could emigrate.

They are expected to depart for Israel within a couple of months.

Lein is the adopted Refusenik of Toronto's B'nai Torah Congregation, and Zelichonok is adopted by B'nai B'rith Canada's Ontario Region.

"We're very grateful and very excited that they've received permission and it appears that there are some others who are also on their way to receiving permission," said Marsha Slavens, Ontario Region Soviet Jewry co-chairman for Canadian Jewish Congress.

However, Slavens said the news is being viewed with "guarded optimism" because there are still many Refuseniks who haven't received permission.

Morley Wolfe, BB Canada's national Soviet Jewry chairman, added his organization "couldn't be more pleased that these people have finally been given their liberty.

"And if the Soviet government continues in what appears to be a constructive policy towards Jewish emigration, they could show their good faith by immediately promulgating liberal emigration laws and regulations which at present do not exist," Wolfe said.

Meanwhile, three other prominent Refuseniks, Yuri Cherniak and Yuli Kosharovsky, both of Moscow, and Eduard Markov, of Leningrad, have also been promised exit visas.

Kosharovsky is the adopted Refusenik of Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto.

Leningrad Refusenik Mikhail Kilberg, adopted by Thornhill's Temple Har Zion sisterhood, has also received permission to emigrate.

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Moscow Refuseniks Igor Uspensky and his 19-year-old son, Slava, ended their 15-day-old hunger strike on Dec. 8 after learning a close friend, an Armenian from Erevan, had lost close relatives in the Armenian earthquake, says Soviet Jewry activist Genya Intrator, of Toronto.

Igor's wife, Inna Ioffe Uspensky, ended her hunger strike three days earlier after she developed heart pains. The family was fasting to draw attention to the plight of Slava, who is a 3rd generation Refusenik.

Igor told Intrator they all felt well and had begun to eat juices, fruit, carrots, cottage cheese and buckwheat. Joining in on the call made on behalf of Beth Tzedec Congregation was Toronto physician Max Glassman, a member of the shul's Soviet Jewry committee.

Inna and Igor, both biologists, have been waiting since 1979 to emigrate to Israel. Igor's 76-year-old mother, Irina Voronkevich, a retired biologist, also wants to leave.

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An exhibition of works by modern Jewish artists and sculptors was the first event recently organized in the USSR by the Sholom Aleichem Society of Friends of Jewish Language and Culture, says a report from the Novosti Press Agency.

The society has been established in Lvov as part of the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation's regional department.

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The Association of Jewish Religious Scientists and Professionals from the Soviet Union has opened offices in the U.S., says a news release from the American Friends of SHAMIR.

The organization's goal is to ensure Soviet Jews' survival as Jews in the USSR, Israel and the Diaspora. Established in 1972, it promotes Jewish awareness in the USSR through Jewish education. The group is headquartered in Jerusalem.

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Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon has adopted the Rabinovich family, of Leningrad, reports Myron Love, The CJN's Winnipeg correspondent.

The adoption took place following a recent meeting between Filmon and Manitoba attorney-general Jim McRae, and members of B'nai B'rith Canada's Soviet Jewry committee.

The Rabinoviches — including Alex, 46, Lilia, 40, Boris, 16, and Inna, 5, and Alex's parents Gavriil and Galina — have been applying to leave since 1979. They have been turned down on grounds Alex, 46, a radio engineer, learned industry secrets at a job he held from about 1968 to 1978 at a Leningrad radio equipment institute.

Lilia, 40, a chemical engineer, was allowed out for several weeks this past summer to visit her parents Faina and Jacob Okun who live in Toronto. Faina also visited the Rabinoviches in Leningrad earlier in the year.

Lilia's only sister, Alla Wolfson, lives in Winnipeg with her husband, Nick, and their two school-aged children.

The Rabinoviches are also the adopted Refuseniks of BB Canada's national Soviet Jewry committee.

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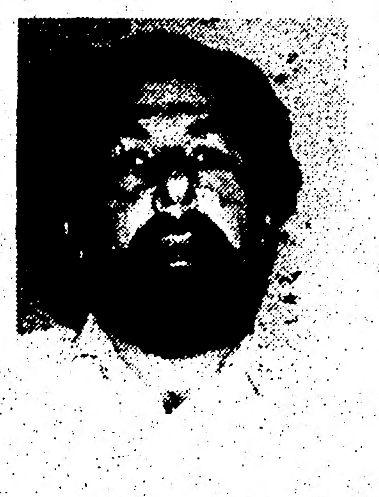
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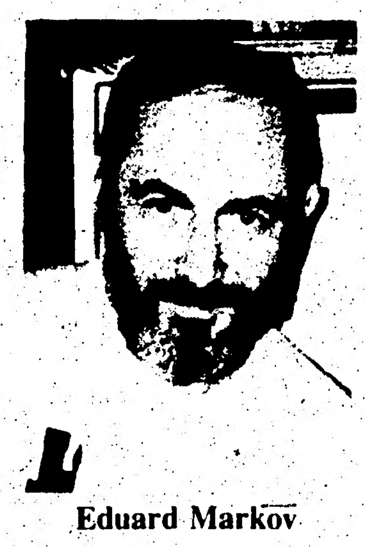
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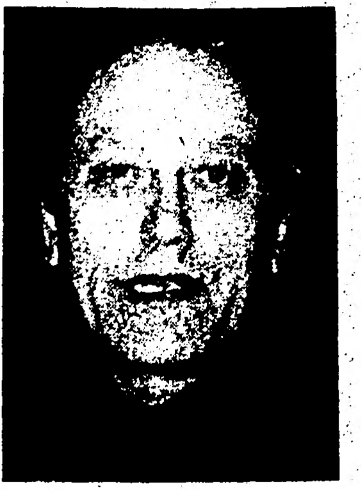
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Orthodox leader one of Jews who perished on Flight 103

NEW YORK (JTA) — Joseph Miller, treasurers of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, is not coming home from London.

Nor will his business associate, Jerry Weston, or Alex Lowenstein, Theodora Cohen, or Amy Shapiro, Syracuse University exchange students in London coming home for the holiday break.

Or Michael Bernstein, assistant deputy director at the Office of Special Investigations, who was returning from Vienna, where he worked on deportation of Nazi criminals.

They were among the 258 passengers aboard Pan Am Flight 103 who were blown out of the sky over Scotland late last year.

Forty kosher meals were ordered for that flight, according to Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, executive vice-president of the Orthodox Union.

The Jewish death toll could easily be higher than 40, since there were likely Jewish passengers who did not order kosher meals. At press time no other names were available.

Stolper said he had spoken three times with British Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovitz, as well as to the rabbi of Gateshead, near the Scottish border, and the dayan of Glasgow, who sent men from their chevrei kadisha (burial societies) to try to retrieve Jewish bodies.

Stolper said they were also "working through the Senate, state department and British government in order to achieve the release of bodies."

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The United States concurs with Britain's finding that an explosive device caused the downing of Flight 103. Government agencies will now help find the culprit.

State department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said the United States agrees with the finding of the British investigative team, which announced in London that a plastic explosive had caused the air disaster.

The United States has "no particular theory" about who planted the bomb.

She said the United States agrees with the conclusion of a Finnish investigation that the Abu Nidal group had "no connection to this bombing." The terrorist organization was cited in a Dec. 5 telephone call to the U.S. embassy in Helsinki warning that a Pan Am plane departing Frankfurt would be blown up in the coming weeks.

THE LIES THAT HAVE DIVIDED US

An Open Letter to Canadian Jews from the Orthodox Rabbinate of Toronto:

THE BIG LIE

No issue has inflamed emotions in the Diaspora more than the question of "Who Is A Jew?". Little wonder — no issue has been distorted more. Anti-Orthodox propaganda has accused us of denying the Jewishness of Reform and Conservative Jews.

That is a deliberate and unconscionable lie. Every Jew — Reform, Conservative, secular, agnostic — is as Jewish as the most distinguished Orthodox rabbi or Talmudic scholar.

The only question at issue in the current controversy over the proposed amendment to Israel's Law of Return is whether citizenship should be granted *automatically* to converts whose conversions did not conform to the standards of *halacha* — traditional Jewish law.

HALACHA, JEWISH IDENTITY, AND "WHO IS A *CONVERT*"

Halacha: the legal system of Judaism, lays down a clear definition of Jewish identity that was universally accepted among all Jews for thousands of years. Reform, however, has done away with *halacha*; and the Conservative movement is forever tampering with it. And so, the unity that once prevailed no longer exists. We are faced with a multiplicity of standards on the basic questions of Jewish identity. Witness the results:

Reform recognizes as Jews people born of Jewish fathers and gentile mothers, a divisive and unilateral ruling instituted only a few years ago. This is rejected by both Orthodoxy and Conservatism. It also runs counter to Israel's Law of Return *as it stands*, which follows the *halachic* principle that Jewish identity is passed on through a Jewish mother.

As to "Who Is A Convert" — the *real* issue before Israel's elected representatives — the minimal demands for entry into Judaism made by the Reform movement have rendered the majority of its conversions invalid even under Conservative criteria. Orthodoxy rejects Conservative conversions, too, on the grounds that they do not conform to full *halachic* requirements.

All Orthodox Jews are united in this principled rejection of conversions that do not conform with *halacha* — notwithstanding any internal debate concerning any secular legislative amendment at this particular time. This is a matter of basic religious belief.

The rancor and divisiveness that is currently threatening to split the Jewish people apart has been fueled, incredibly, by a few plain untruths and misconceptions that lie at the root of the entire controversy.

The hysteria has not stopped with defamation of Torah and the incitement of hatred against an entire sector of the Jewish people. It has led to the compromise of Israel's standing with American Congressmen, threats to Israel by North American Jews, and the appearance of virulent anti-Orthodox — and ultimately anti-Semitic — cartoons and "analyses" in the North American media.

It is time for all Jews to hear the truth about Orthodox Jewry and its beliefs in the current debate over Jewish identity.

Ideally, what should Israel do? Diaspora sensitivities aside, can a state accept a mish-mash or standards and procedures on so fundamental an issue as identity? Should the Law of Return allow the development of two or more Jewish nations unable to marry each other because of anarchy in the area of conversions?

The only solution that makes sense — the only solution that ensures Jewish unity — is *to employ religious principles acceptable to everyone*. That is the objective of the proposed amendment of Israel's law.

It is grossly unjust, to say the least, to engage in hysterical attack on Orthodoxy for upholding its law, its principles, and its faith.

PRIORITIES FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL

Fewer than 50% of North American Jews are affiliated with any synagogue. In some places, the intermarriage rate is reaching an alarming 70% to 90%. The floodgates of disintegration and demise are beating down our very doors.

An invigorated Orthodoxy is creating a golden age of North American Jewish scholarship and intellectual life through some 500 elementary and secondary schools with approximately 100,000 students across the continent, and more than 100 rabbinical seminaries on the collegiate and graduate level with some 12,000 students. Is this community the primary threat to Jewish unity and survival? Or is it the bearer of the seeds of the best hope for Jewish survival on this continent?

North American Jews who are the most shrill about the "Who Is A Jew?" issue should be facing stark realities here, rather than pressuring Israeli leaders. Why is establishment Jewish leadership so sanguine about the threats to Jewish survival posed by the frightening escalation of intermarriage and assimilation? Why are the United Jewish Appeal, Jewish federations and congresses across the continent devoting so much of their time and resources to an intensive battle against the sacred principles that have assured Jewish survival, instead of confronting these *real* challenges in contemporary Jewish life? Is it possible that their priorities are distorted and warped?

IN CONCLUSION

In sadness rather than anger, we have noted the one-sidedness of the reportage on the past Israeli elections, and the hatefulness of the attack on Orthodox Jews. Let's disagree, if we must, but with civility, respect, and truth. Most of all, let's recognize that the current virulence harms us all.

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Talks described as "very low level"

U.S. still opposed to Palestinian state: Shultz

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Secretary of State George Shultz has told American Jewish leaders that the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization are engaged in a "very low-level dialogue."

Shultz was firm in stressing that the United States still opposes a Palestinian state because "it would be unstable," according to Morris Abram, past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Shultz said that the United States is not pressing Israel to talk to the PLO, and indicated he does not consider the PLO a potential negotiating partner with Israel.

Shultz met for more than an hour with a delegation from the President's Conference. It was his first meeting with the Jewish umbrella group since his announcement that the United States would open a "substantive dialogue" with the PLO.

He called that decision a "fait accompli," and said nobody understood the legal basis for the old policy of not talking to the PLO.

But Shultz insisted it signified no change of U.S. policy toward Israel or the Middle East in general, Abram told reporters after the meeting.

He also believes there must be an interim period before a final settlement of the Middle East conflict, as provided by the 1978 Camp David Accords.

As for the PLO as a negotiating partner, Shultz said he "certainly did not count them in," Abram reported, and that the secretary was adamant that terrorism must cease.

When Abram said the only "legitimate way" the PLO can renounce terrorism would be to amend its charter calling for the destruction of Israel, Shultz replied he would "like to see that happen."

He praised Israel's new Labor-Likud coalition government, saying such a government will be "best able to move forward," compared with a narrow-based government.

Shultz quoted Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as saying Israelis and Arabs have to work together for peace.

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BRUSSELS (JTA) — The European Community will undertake a major diplomatic initiative in the Middle East this month, sending a ministerial delegation first to Israel for talks with Israeli leaders and then to Tunis to meet with Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat.

The purpose — to advance the peace process by trying to bring Israelis and Palestinians together — is being pursued in light of the American decision to hold a dialogue with the PLO.

The ministerial mission selected for the task has been dubbed a "troika" by diplomats here. It will consist of ministers of Greece, Spain and France, probably headed by the Spanish foreign minister, Francisco Fernandez Ordonez.

Greece relinquished the rotating chairmanship of the EC Council of Ministers last year. Spain will hold it for the first six months of 1989 and France for the second six months.

"The fact that Israel will be the first party to be contacted by the troika means that the EC wants to stress that Israel may rely on European understanding and support," an EC diplomat told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

All three countries have Socialist governments which have been more sympathetic to the Palestinian cause than the EC's northern tier of states — Britain, West Germany, Holland and Denmark.

Therefore, they are expected to make a special effort to gain the confidence of Israel. The fact that Israel stands first on the list represents a "concession" by Greece, the most pro-Palestinian of all 12 EC countries.

The troika countries have emphasized that Israel must not be made to feel isolated by the European Community in the wake of the PLO's "peace offensive."

"We must avoid any initiative or gesture that may harden Israel's position," one British diplomat said.

"All this will, of course, be undertaken in close contact with the United States," an EC official explained.

The ultimate goal is direct negotiations between Israel and the PLO and other parties concerned, within the framework of an international peace conference under UN auspices, the official said.

Austria will soon exchange ambassadors with Palestinians

VIENNA (JTA) — Austria and the Palestine Liberation Organization will soon exchange ambassadors, according to an announcement made during PLO leader Yasser Arafat's 1-day visit here recently.

While Austria has not recognized the independent state of Palestine Arafat proclaimed at the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers, the PLO representative in Vienna, Daoud Barakat, will be accredited as an ambassador before the year's end.

At the same time, the Austrian ambassador to Tunisia will receive accreditation from the PLO, which has its headquarters in the North African country.

Arafat, whose international stature seemed to soar after the United States reversed a 13-year-old ban on official dialogue with the PLO, arrived here from Cairo.

He met with Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and Foreign Minister Alois Mock, who holds the rank of vice-chancellor.

Arafat was also received by President Kurt Waldheim at his villa in the afternoon, a call apparently initiated by Waldheim, as it was not on Arafat's itinerary.

The PLO chief said he was "gratified" by his talks with Vranitzky, leader of the ruling Socialist Party, and with Mock, who heads its coalition partner, the conservative People's Party.

Mock said afterward that the PLO changed radically when it dissociated itself from terrorism.

But the Austrian Jewish community disagrees. In a letter to Mock, the community leaders warned that the PLO is talking peace, but planning the destruction of Israel.

Vranitzky announced that Austria would increase its aid to the Palestinian population, but through United Nations channels, not the PLO. He mentioned specifically medical and agricultural assistance.

Arafat is no stranger to Vienna. He was officially received here nine years ago by the then Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, leader of the Socialist Party and a Jew.

Peace centre welcomes talks between the U.S. and PLO

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The International Centre for Peace in the Middle East has welcomed the U.S. decision to open talks with the PLO, and called on the Israeli government to "announce its readiness" to begin a dialogue with the organization.

The executive director of the Tel Aviv-based centre, David Shaham, made the statement after a meeting of the group's executive committee, which includes Labor Party figures such as Haim Zadok, Abba Eban and Naftali Blumenthal, as well as leaders of Shinui, Mapam and the Citizens Rights Movement.

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Israel will lose its credibility in Britain if it persists in its refusal to talk to the PLO, Lionel Kopelowitz, the president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told The Jerusalem Post.

Kopelowitz, who was visiting Israel, said that at a meeting of the board, "the feeling emerged that Israel has to put Arafat to the test. There must be discussions between Israel and the PLO, to probe if Arafat can cease terrorism fully and properly."

He said that a significant number of members of the board expressed such views, although "there were some who were totally opposed to talks with the PLO." He said that no resolution emerged from this discussion.

In the past, he said, the board's view was that there should be no talks with the PLO until it recognized Israel's right to exist, accepted Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and ceased terrorism.

Italy's president favors the PLO

ROME (JTA) — Italy's president, Francesco Cossiga, has come out in favor of the PLO, saying he believes the Palestinian peace overtures are genuine and it is now up to Israel to respond in kind.

Cossiga made that clear in remarks at a diplomatic reception, where he drew a chilly reaction from the Israeli diplomat attending.

Acknowledging that the road to peace is long and rough, Cossiga maintained that "it appears today it finally can be negotiated."

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Pope John Paul II met with Yasser Arafat for the second time late last year in order to encourage him to seek a peaceful dialogue, the Vatican said in a statement.

The statement said the Pope had "confidence in Arafat's steadfast desire for peace" and that he believed both Israelis and Palestinians had "the identical fundamental right to their own homeland in which they could live in freedom and dignity."

The Palestine Liberation Organization chairman came to Rome on a half-day visit.

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Foundation fills urgent needs in poor areas of city

Canadians sponsor projects to help Tel Aviv

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
A $750,000 sports centre in the northeast part of Tel Aviv (N'veh Chen) being financed by a committee headed by Toronto developer Murray Goldman, will fill an urgent need in an underprivileged area of the city, says Hanan Ben Yehuda, managing director of the Tel Aviv Foundation, who visited Toronto recently.

Plans for the centre include facilities for basketball, volleyball, roller skating, table tennis and outdoor sports. Construction is expected to start in two or three months.

This is only one of the several projects sponsored by Canadians to improve the lot of poor families in run down areas of the city, he said.

Others include a tennis centre with 17 courts donated by Sidney Nowa of Montreal, a mother and child day care centre by B'nai B'rith Canada, another centre of this type by Morris Lax, Hamilton, a community centre by Sol and Hilda Kanee, of Winnipeg and another mother and child day care centre by David Weissman, of Montreal.

Hanan Ben Yehuda

The Foundation, with branches all around the world, raised $13 million last year, according to Yehuda, with about 20%-25% coming from Israelis. This figure of Israeli contributions is significant, he said, because there isn't the same tradition of Israelis donating to worthy causes, as there is in the West. In addition, income tax regulations in Israel are much stricter for allowing deductions for gifts to charity.

He said excitement is building for the opening on April 12 (tentative date) of the $4 million cinematique in the centre of Tel Aviv sponsored by the Doron Foundation of U.S. and many Hollywood notables, including Goldie Hawn, Warren Beatty, Gregory Peck and Walter Matthau. One of the halls is to be named in honor of Goldie Hawn, another for the late Stan Kamen, chairman of the William Morris Agency, and one for Gerry Weintrob, chairman of United Artists.

The cinematique, besides housing films from everywhere, will be used as an educational resource for students studying film.

Yehuda said on his visit here he met with Garth Drabinsky and Harry Rasky, along with Gideon Saguy, president of the Canadian Committee of the Foundation, and he believes they will support the cinematique "in concrete ways."

The Foundation's managing director is enthusiastic about the way in its 10 years is has helped to make Tel Aviv the industrial, commercial and cultural centre of the country. Its problems arise from the 1.2 million commuters who pour into the city daily. With the city's own population of 330,000, it means that one-third of Israel's population is in Tel Aviv on workdays causing enormous maintenance, transport and parking problems.

Progress is being made, Yehuda said, in building more public parks in the city.

One of its main thrusts is in improving the quality of life in Jaffa, its bordering city, where 15,000 of the population of 70,000 are Arabs. Its recreational and educational programs include Arabs and there is a Jewish-Arab community centre in Jaffa sponsored by the city of Cologne, Germany.

Work on a $2 million Arab-Jewish centre in Jaffa, donated by the philanthropist Armand Hammer, is slated to begin in two months.

Project Renewal, with its strong ties to Canadian cities, is helping to raise the standard of living in underprivileged areas of the twin cities, Yehuda said.

In the rest of the country, 10% of the people are over 65, but in Tel Aviv the figure is 20%.

About a third of the people living in south and southeast Tel Aviv are considered underprivileged, Yehuda said.

One of the pluses for Tel Aviv is that it has fewer problems between various religious groups than Jerusalem, he said.

Murray Koffler is the honorary chairman of the Canadian Committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation.

Pictured are kindergarten children who attend one of the day-care centres financed by Canadians in underprivileged districts of Tel Aviv.

Resolutions for Plenary

CJC seeks regional input

MONTREAL —
With four months to go before the Canadian Jewish Congress stages its 22nd Plenary Assembly in Montreal, resolutions committee chairman Lee Cohen says the organization's regions are formulating resolutions which will shape the direction of Canadian Jewry for years to come.

Cohen, a Halifax lawyer, heads a national committee which will spend the month of February reviewing resolutions from the regions and checking them against CJC Bylaw 65, which defines the organization's structure and mandate. Close to 100 resolutions were presented and deliberated upon at the last Plenary Assembly in Toronto in 1986.

The Plenary is the highest decison-making body within CJC. All regions have established resolution committees whose duty it is to submit proposed resolutions to the national office of CJC by Jan. 31.

Only "emergency" resolutions will be considered after this cut-off date. Cohen says such a resolution will only be placed before the Plenary if it is to do with a change of events, which could not have been foreseen and dealt with in another manner.

"CJC is governed by the resolutions it passes at the Plenary," stated Cohen. "The policies and social path to be pursued will be decided on this basis. That is why it is imperative regions or individuals within those regions wishing to have input in the national agenda stress their point of view prior to Jan. 31."

Cohen noted that after his committee goes through the resolutions in February, regions, national constituent organizations and national standing committees will be provided with a complete set of resolutions "simply to allow intended delegates to the Plenary ample opportunity to review the resolutions to be debated," he emphasized, adding, "In theory this will reduce any opportunity for confusion or needless discussion during the voting sessions."

Resolutions must be consistent with the aim and objectives of CJC, the national representative body of the Jewish population of Canada. Those seeking further information should contact the CJC region in their area.

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UNICEF report on State of the World's Children

Israel most literate, healthy Mideast country

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — Although the Israeli government does not spend as much on health and education as some other Middle Eastern countries, it remains the most literate country in the area and has the lowest infant mortality rate, according to a recent report by UNICEF.

The State of the World's Children 1989, reveals that after 40 years of making progress, large areas of the developing world are sliding backwards into poverty. In the last 12 months alone, UNICEF says at least half a million young children have died as a result of the slowing down or reversal of progress in the developing world.

UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) reports that indebted governments have also cut expenditures on social services and this has hurt children the most.

"The 40 least developed countries have slashed spending on health by 50% per head and on education by 25% per head over the last few years," the report states.

Israel obviously does not fall into this category though. In 1986 its government allocated 3.4% of its budget expenditures to health care and 6.7% to education. At the same time, 30.1% went to defence.

This was contrasted with the Egyptian government, which allocated 2.4% of its budget to health care and 10.8% to education, and the Jordanian government, which spent 3.8% of its budget on health care and 12.2% of its financial resources on education.

That same year, the Canadian government allocated 6.1% of its budget to health care, 3.4% to education and 7.6% to defence. The lower education figure can be partially attributed to the fact that education in Canada is a provincial responsibility.

While Israel spent less on education than its neighbors in 1986, it appears to be a better educated country. In 1985, 97% of all adult males and 93% of adult females were literate. No other Middle Eastern country came close to this rate.

Jordan and Lebanon reported male literacy rates of 87% and 86%, respectively, and female rates of 63% and 69%, respectively.

Egypt fared the worst with an adult literacy rate of 59% and a female rate of 30%. Saudi Arabia did slightly better with a male rate of 71% and female of 31%.

While apparently poorly educated, these two countries continue to experience rapid population growth. From 1980-1986 Egypt grew at a rate of 2.7% and Saudi Arabia expanded at a rate of 4.1%, making it the fastest growing country in the area. Jordan's annual population growth rate during this time was 3.7%.

While the Arab countries continued to expand during the 1980s, Israel only grew at an annual rate of 1.7%. However, this was still better than Canada's situation, which experienced a growth rate of 1.1%.

Coupled with its low birth rate though, Israel also reported the lowest number of infant and child deaths. In 1987 it had 95,000 births and only 1,000 deaths of children under age 5. This is contrasted with Egypt, which reported 1.8 million births to 233,000 infant and child deaths.

Lebanon was the only country in the Mideast which reported fewer births than Israel. It recorded 83,000 births in 1987, but at 4,000, had a higher number of infant deaths. Jordan reported 193,000 births and 12,000 deaths and Saudi Arabia had 585,000 births and 60,000 deaths.

In contrast, Canada reported 358,000 births and 3,000 infant and child deaths.

Although Israel spends a small portion of its budget on health care, it still has a lower infant mortality rate for children under 5 than its neighbors.

In 1987, 13 children per 1,000 died under the age of 5. While not as good as Canada's, which showed an infant mortality rate of nine children per 1,000, it was far better than Egypt's, where 129 out of every thousand died before their 5th birthday.

Other Middle East countries did not even come close to Israel's low rate, with Lebanon at 53, Jordan at 60 and Saudi Arabia at 102.

While countries like Jordan still have a high infant mortality rate, it is showing signs of progress. From 1980-1986 its mortality rate dropped 4.03%, while Israel's came down 4.54%. Lebanon fared the worst here, coming down only 2.22%, while Egypt managed to give its youngest citizens more hope by reducing their infant mortality rate by 3.37%. Saudi Arabia's rate was reduced by 3.51%.

At the same time, Canada's infant mortality rate came down 5.12%.

According to UNICEF a total of 1.5 million young lives have been saved during the 1980s, as the use of immunization increases.

"The child health achievements of the 1980s have shown that it is now possible to make the great breakthrough for children and protect the physical and mental development of the vast majority of the world's under-5s," UNICEF says.

"So important is this task, and so profound the connection between the physical and mental growth of children and the social and economic development of their societies, that the time may now be right for a summit meeting of the world's leaders to discuss this opportunity."

Such a meeting, the report suggests, might also help to create the wider vision of international cooperation for the kind of development which "meets the needs and enhances the capacities of the poorest half of the world's people."

Jury finds Myerson not guilty of charges

NEW YORK (JTA) — When a Manhattan jury recently cleared Bess Myerson of conspiracy and fraud charges, it helped restore her tarnished image as a symbol of accomplishment and a source of ethnic pride to a generation of immigrant Americans.

The former Miss America was found not guilty on six counts of conspiracy, fraud, bribery and obstruction of justice.

The central point of the prosecutor's case was that 64-year-old Myerson had conspired with her lover, Carl Capasso, 43, and former state Supreme Court Justice Hortense Gabel in a scheme to reduce Capasso's divorce payments in a case being heard by Gabel.

But the six men and six women found the evidence to be circumstantial at best and cleared the three defendants on all counts, in a case that came to be known in the New York tabloids as the "Bess Mess" trial.

"I'm grateful for the American judicial system and I thank the jury for exonerating me," said Myerson, speaking on the steps of the court after the verdict was read.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Myerson rose to national prominence in 1945 when she became the first and last Jew to win the Miss America contest. Soon after, she began lecturing across America for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith on the subject of anti-semitism.

But life for the rich, beautiful and successful Myerson was not all glamor: A year after winning her Miss America crown, she was married for the first time to a man who turned out to be an abusive alcoholic.

She eventually divorced him and brought up their child alone, was remarried and divorced again. She also successfully fought a bout with cancer.

Myerson was named New York commissioner of consumer affairs during the administration of Mayor John Lindsay, and became commissioner of cultural affairs under Mayor Ed Koch from 1983 to 1987.

But it was her winning the Miss America crown at the end of World War II that gave to newly immigrant Jews a unique symbol of identification.

"She meant several things," author Kate Simon told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "At her peak, she meant triumph. She was a source of pride. She also meant a bond to the Jews when she worked for B'nai B'rith and ADL. She was a talented girl, a thing of pride."

But when Myerson began to get into trouble, Simon said she was rejected. "Not rejected by Jews, but her reputation, her stature as a Jewish woman, must have been diminished."

Arnold Forster, general counsel for the ADL for the last 46 years and the man who recruited Myerson for her cross-country speaking tours, said, "We were proud not that she had won this contest, although talent — her piano playing — played a large role.

"Our pride came in the time she gave against bigotry," when she spoke on the topic: "You Can't Be Beautiful and Hate."

"The children loved her, the students loved her," Forster said. "She conveyed a sense of accomplishment, of goodness, and she took them along the path of an appreciation of democracy. Our appreciation of her was her public service, and her service to the Jewish community."

Much confusion with run on $$

JERUSALEM (JTA) — **Interest rates soared last week as foreign currency purchases continued at a record pace, while confusion reigned over the monetary policies of the new government.**

The situation developed after a surprising 5% devaluation of the shekel on Tuesday.

Confidence in the government faded when, contrary to initial reports, the devaluation turned out to be an ad hoc move by Bank of Israel governor Michael Bruno, and not part of a comprehensive economic program introduced by the new finance minister, Shimon Peres.

Bruno acted — with the apparently hasty approval of Peres — to stem the rush on foreign currency, spurred by expectations of a devaluation.

But the fact that the change was only a modest one generated fear that a further devaluation was imminent. The public has purchased a record $330 million in the past four days.

The idea was to accumulate dollars before they become more expensive. But Bruno decided against another devaluation when arithmetic showed Thursday's dollar purchases did not exceed Wednesday's. They amounted to $70 million on both days.

The central bank was also busy denying a Voice of Israel Radio report Thursday morning that Bruno was about to revalue the shekel. That was followed by another erroneous report of a Thursday devaluation.

The overall impression was that the people in charge of the Treasury and banking system are not quite sure what they are doing or what needs to be done.

Meanwhile the private sector, seeking bank loans to purchase dollars, is driving interest rates to record heights.

The current rate is 48.25%, up to 16% from last month and more than triple the rate of six months ago.

But the central bank will not intervene to bring rates down. The high cost of loans is expected to put a damper on dollar purchases.

Israel's foreign currency reserves stood at $3.7 billion last Thursday, closer to the $3 billion danger point than it has been for some time.

Peres, meanwhile, continued his round of consultations on a comprehensive new economic program.

He met with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to discuss a 200 million shekel reduction in the defence budget proposed by the Treasury. It would be the keystone of an overall 1 billion shekel cut in government spending.

Meanwhile, industrial production fell 3.5% in the first nine months of last year, compared with the same period in 1987, while industrial exports (excluding diamonds) rose 3%.

According to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics, production was down in virtually all industrial sectors, but fell especially sharply in transport (22%), textiles (15%), and rubber and plastics (10%).

In the first nine months of the year, the number of workers employed in industry fell 3% (by 9,000), while the number of work days was down 4%.

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Electoral reform to be studied

Left, right slam coalition

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must approve allocation of funds to the ultra-Orthodox sector.

• The guidelines, which resemble those of the 1984 national unity government, add a new clause: "Israel will encourage Arab representatives from Judea, Samaria and Gaza to take part in the peace negotiations."

At the same time, they state "the government will not negotiate with the PLO."

• The guidelines include a clause which refers to possible electoral and constitutional reform. A committee will be established to explore reform, and if no agreement on it is reached within one year each side will be free to develop its own policy.

• According to Israel Radio, Shamir and Peres have signed a secret annex to the agreement, which states that foreign policy is the exclusive domain of the foreign minister, Moshe Arens. At the same time, Peres reportedly will be given access to cables and reports by the Prime Minister, defence and foreign ministers.

The agreement also provides that promises made to the religious parties would be reviewed by the new government in the context of the national budget. Those promises included heavy subsidies for the ultra-Orthodox schools and other institutions.

There were expressions of disappointment on the left and right. Knesset member Haim Doron of the socialist party, Mapam, said the new government was being born "in sin."

Amnon Rubinstein of the Center-Shinui Movement charged that Peres was "folding the flag of peace" by entering a coalition with Likud.

"We need a government with a moderate foreign policy and a liberal economic policy," said Rubinstein. "Instead, we shall get a rejectionist foreign policy and an irresponsible economic policy."

Even within Labor and Likud there were grumbles. Labor Party Secretary-General Uzi Baram said the agreement was "bad for the party."

Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, who worked hard in the past few weeks to win the religious bloc's support for a narrow, Likud-led government, was described as angry and disappointed. He wanted the defence portfolio.

Tehiya's 80-member central committee called upon "all the faithful to Eretz Yisrael" to rally against Shamir's "signs of surrender," following a meeting at which it was decided not to join the government.

The move followed a telephone conversation between Shamir and Tehiya chairman Yuval Ne'eman. Shamir informed Ne'eman that he would ~~not~~ get the technology and science portfolio, that he would not head the ministerial settlement committee — because there will be no such committee — and that the agreement on 40 new settlements within the next four years was also void.

Jewish high school badly damaged by fire

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

There was no going back to school after the holidays for the 265 students of Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, Winnipeg's only Jewish high school.

On the morning of Dec. 23, the school was heavily damaged by fire with estimates of the extent of the damage running at about $1 million.

The fire broke out early in the morning in the boiler room of the 2-storey high school part of the north Winnipeg building. The fire destroyed the kitchen area, a basement store room holding textbooks, computers, desks, chairs and other supplies. The gym suffered water damage.

The collegiate occupies the west wing of the building which extends for half a block. The IL Peretz/Talmud Torah Elementary School in the other half of the building had water and smoke damage but is functional. The newly renovated Talmud Torah Synagogue at the extreme east end of the structure was untouched.

Although the fire is causing a lot of disruption for students, their parents and teachers, the loss of the physical structure itself is not being mourned in the Jewish community. Many felt the building, which was constructed in the 1950s, was overcrowded, outdated and inadequate and needed to be replaced.

The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council was already studying a recommendation to build a new Jewish high school either in downtown Winnipeg or in the south part of the city where the number of Jewish residents now outnumbers those in the north to replace the present building.

The question in the meantime is where to find a temporary school for Joseph Wolinsky's displaced school body. David Cohen, chairman of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, estimated it will take at least two months to repair the building.

He reported school and board officials have turned to other school divisions for space. The most viable answer seems to be an elementary school building in St. James in west Winnipeg that has been closed for four years due to declining enrolment in that area. It would take a week or two to prepare the building and arrangements would have to be made to transport the students from both the north and south ends of the city.

Cohen believes all academic records were saved from the fire and students will be able to take exams scheduled this month once a new location is decided on. "The start of school may be delayed," he said, "but school and life will go on."

Improved relations foreseen

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The Soviet ambassador to Washington has hailed recent Soviet-Israeli cooperation and said he foresees an improvement in relations between Moscow and world Jewry.

Ambassador Yuri Dubinin made the remarks at a Soviet embassy ceremony in which officials of the American Jewish World Service presented him a check for $50,000 to help relief efforts in earthquake-ravaged Soviet Armenia.

The Boston-based group also gave $30,000 to the Armenian primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, which is earmarked for helping Armenia's estimated 40,000 to 50,000 amputees, many below the age of 18.

Dubinin said he was "deeply moved" by the gift and added that the Soviet people are appreciative of the aid the Israeli government has provided in efforts to rescue victims of the disaster.

The ambassador also praised "cooperation between the Soviet Union and Israel" over the recent hijacking of an Aeroflot airliner, which landed safely at Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport.

Shamir gives pledge on vote in territories

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PLO." Israeli officials said Israel will continue to probe the possibility of a visit through official channels.

The first high level post-election contacts with Egypt are expected to take place early this month during a meeting in Paris between Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and his Egyptian counterpart, Esmat Abdel Meguid.

In other developments:

• Shamir has promised that Palestinians in the territories will be allowed to elect representatives with whom Israel could talk within the framework of the 1978 Camp David Accords.

He said in a radio interview that Israel is committed to holding "democratic elections by the Palestinian Arab population in the territories for an administrative council that would also be the legitimate representation of the Palestinian-Arab population."

According to Shamir, the elections would be held in the first stages of the autonomy plan, which represents a "very important clause of the Camp David agreements."

He stressed that the elected Palestinians should not be members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The elected council would have to be a "living body of the population of the territories," he said. That would exclude PLO leaders and Palestinians living abroad from participating in the elections.

• Israel is again urging Jordan's King Hussein to get involved in the peace process.

In a message delivered to Hussein last week, Israel reiterated its longstanding invitation for him to enter peace negotiations without preconditions.

The message, reportedly from Shamir or Arens, was forwarded to the king by U.S. Sen. John Rockefeller IV, who was visiting the Middle East.

• Outgoing U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering has warned that the status quo in the Middle East is too dangerous to be allowed to continue.

He maintained at a farewell news conference and in television interviews that there is now a one-time opportunity to end violence and begin contacts between the opposing parties.

He said he is sure Shamir will follow through on his promise to offer a new peace initiative.

Pickering, who is slated to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, reiterated that the American dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization is just that — a dialogue — and nothing more.

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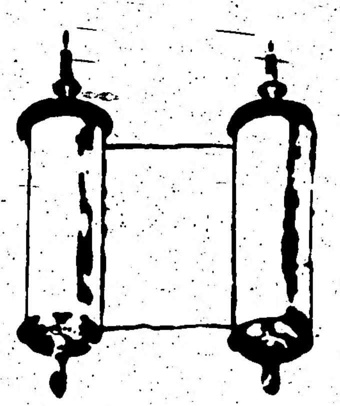

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat va'eyrah

There is no teacher like experience; no wisdom to replace what years and grey hair bring.

When the Mezritcher Maggid died, his disciples turned to the young Reb Schneur Zalman to take his place as leader. The young gaon (brilliant scholar) demurred, arguing that he was too young.

Answered Reb Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk: "I see nowhere in the Torah a hint about what age a leader, a manhig, has to be."

Answered Reb Schneur Zalman: "We do see that age counts. In the section of Va'eyrah, the Torah gives the "yichus" of the leaders of Israel. When it comes to Reuben, Simeon, the pedigree is mentioned without mentioning age.

Rabbi Gottesman

"But when it came to the tribe of Levi, who begat Kehat, who begat Amram, who begat Moses and Aaron, there the age is given. Why? But the tribe of Levi was the leadership of the Jewish people, and age did count!" (Ituray Torah)

Never grow old

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Age is what you make it. Old age must count for something. It must count for wisdom, it must count for good deeds, it must be filled with mitzvahs.

When you live as a Jew should, you never, never grow old.

Aaron was 83 years old, and Moses a mere 80 years old when they approached the great palace of Pharoah to confront him. As they drew closer to this awesome ruler, a demi-god, more powerful for that time than Reagan and Gorbachev combined, the guards around him glaring fiercely, these two old men strode boldly to present Pharoah with the demand: "*Shalach et amee!* Let my people go!"

Some old men! Young old men! Inspired old men! Holy old men! Old men not declining, but growing larger by the day. Old men, not bitter and encrustated by age and habit, but yielding and open.

Strange how the Torah ranks them, combines them, bonds them into one: "*Hu Aharaon u'Moshe!* these are that Aaron and Moses. . . " (Shmot 6:26); and "*Hu Moshe v'Aharon* These are that Moses and Aaron. . . ." (Shmot 6:27)

Maasim tovim

Who deserves to be mentioned first, Moses or Aaron? Why mix them together? But — explains Rashi — it teaches that they were *shkulim ki'eachad*, equal as one, balanced as one.

But how is that possible? Two old men, each used to his own ways for eight decades, to be equal, to weigh the same? Comments the Kanfei Nesharim: Each of these great men knew that the other one had what he lacked! Moses was superior in *nevuah*, in prophecy and receiving communication from the Almighty, but he was *kivad peh*, hard of speech, unable to give over to others what he had seen and heard from Heaven. "Ah," Moses said to himself, "my brother Aaron is superior, because he is articulate, with the gift of communicating even to the simplest person."

Aaron, on the other hand, was the good speaker, the man of the people, of the masses. But he said to himself, Moses sees and hears what I can only dream of: *Peh el peh*, mouth to mouth with the Shechinah!

They weighed equally, because they saw each other's qualities, and enjoyed and used them. They did not look at themselves, they looked at the other one. They were not bitter, tired, old and frustrated. They were young and alive and happy and full of ***maasim tovim***, good deeds, even in their eighties.

Let us stay young Let us stay full of meaningful deeds. Let us not get sour. Easy as ABC. Shabbat Shalom.

Art piece triggers pre-Holocaust memories

Survivor retrieves family sculpture

By
LUCILLE
DE SAINTE-ANDRE

TORONTO —
The retrieval of a sculptured head of a young girl that used to stand in the home of his parents in Germany before they died in the Holocaust has given Henry Moos a bittersweet memory.

"Every day I touch it. It's a miracle," says Moos, who recently returned from a pilgrimage of reconciliation that the West German city of Karlsruhe staged for those of its former Jewish citizens who survived.

On a visit in the 1950s, Moos had discovered the sculpture in a neighbor's home. She refused to part with it but promised to leave it to him in her will.

The neighbor had died and left it with a retired school principal who returned it to Moos during the pilgrimmage.

Henry Moos

"It is now in our home as a bittersweet memory of my youth and the home I had to leave so early," said Moos, president of Kennedy Travel Bureau.

Moos, his wife, Vera, brother Walter and wife, owners of Moos Art Gallery in Yorkville, were part of two groups of 900 people from six continents the city had invited on the 50th anniversary of the Kristallnacht.

Karlsruhe spent about $1.1 million on the reunion of its former Jewish citizens and their spouses including airfare, hotel bills and some meals. Feelings changed from the initial stiff reception with city officials to warm goodbyes during the closing dinner.

In between there was a week of trips to Jewish cemeteries and memorial services, as well as visits to the theatre and concerts and excursions around the city and environment.

"I don't have any hangups about the Germans as some people have," Henry Moos said. "Hate is self-consuming, it's pointless.

"The German people have made tremendous efforts to help us be at ease with our feelings. The younger ones are trying to make up, but there is a hard core that has not changed its anti-semitism or anti-minorities feelings. But my parents' fate is always in back of my mind."

In 1938 Moos left to attend school in England but his brother and parents, owners of Moos Art Gallery in Karlsruhe, were deported to Gurs in 1940. Also in the transport to the camp in the Pyrenees in southern France were 945 Karlsruhe Jews, the remnant of the 3,358 living there in 1933. The others had emigrated.

Of those deported to Gurs, 390 escaped while the rest were sent to the gas chambers of Auschwitz and Lublin-Majdanek or died in Theresienstadt.

Walter Moos got to Switzerland and both brothers later came to Toronto. Their parents perished in Auschwitz.

Strategy meeting

TORONTO —
State of Israel Bonds' Construction Division recently held a strategy and planning meeting at the home of division chairman Fred Guth.

Executive members reviewed 1988 sales figures and discussed sales stategy for 1989. They also evaluated the results of the September task force mission to Israel which will be followed by a second Construction Division task force to Israel this spring.

The group also included its first planning session for major functions for 1989 as well as Bonds awareness seminars and events to increase participation of volunteers in the building and development industry.

Among those to attend the meeting were Guth, president of Somerset Homes; Barry Zagdanski, president of Four Seasons Homes and Construction Division vice-chairman; Sid Jelinek, president of the Carlton Group; Paul Austin, president of the Salpam Group; Conrad Ogniewicz, president of Palisade Homes; and Ted Winnick, sales director of Martin Atkins Real Estate.

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Teaching of religion still problem, says CJC

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Despite the "sensitivity" displayed by a number of public school boards in adopting a multicultural approach to religious education, teaching Christianity from a fundamentalist viewpoint is still a problem in Ontario schools, says a spokesman for Canadian Jewish Congress.

(See the related story on page 23.)

Bernie Farber, research director for Congress, said that while schools in Kingston's Frontenac County are integrating other faith groups by recognizing their holidays, the situation in Ontario points to a "piecemeal approach" to the issue.

While schools in the Lincoln County area — such as the College Street Public School in Smithville — focus on the exclusive teaching of Christianity, schools in Kingston and Metropolitan Toronto teach about a variety of religions, he said.

Students in Kingston are introduced to the customs of Chanukah as well as Christmas, a recent report in the Toronto Sun stated.

But religious classes in Lincoln County are taught from a fundamentalist Christian point of view, with the idea of inculcating a particular set of religious beliefs, Farber said.

In the wake of a recent Ontario Court of Appeal decision banning mandatory school prayer in opening exercises, and with another case before the courts opposing the teaching of religion, schools are showing "some sensitivity" by introducing a multifaith approach to religious instruction, he said.

He noted, however, that there is no regulation mandating that approach, but that some school boards may be anticipating a court decision requiring a multifaith approach.

Congress opposes the ministry of education regulation that, as it now stands, opens the door to fundamentalist, "doctrinal" religious education, he said.

Once that regulation is killed, the ministry should consider introducing a new curriculum, perhaps "teaching about" the various religions. That would be a "step forward," Farber said.

Even so, its success would depend on monitoring abuses and teacher training, he added.

Panel looks at new tax returns

TORONTO —

Complications Arising from the New Tax Returns was the evening topic of a recent seminar sponsored by the women's committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Welfare Fund Endowment Fund.

Featured participants were Minnie Lawrence, an accountant with Orenstein and Partners, and Judy Stark, a financial planner.

To emphasize how complicated the new tax forms are, Lawrence displayed a cartoon with an accountant explaining to his client that while her tax rate will probably be lower, "we have to charge you ten times as much to do the return."

Judy Stark focused on current investment trends, the need for women to review personal assets and goals, and how to find and use a qualified financial advisor.

Program chairman Gella Rothstein, explained that the seminar is a community service of the Endowment Fund, designed to educate women in the field of financial planning. It also serves to make women aware of the Endowment Fund primary agenda to build a financial resource for the community which will provide for special needs.

The Endowment Fund, Rothstein added, has the support of an advisory group of tax lawyers and accountants who are available on a 1-time telephone basis.

Any enquiries to the Endowment Fund may be directed to Sam Helfenbaum at 635-2883, ext. 203.

Shapiro clinic dedicated

TORONTO —

The Dr. Bernard J. Shapiro Otolaryngology Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital was dedicated recently in honor of the hospital's radiologist-in-chief from 1955-1980.

The dedication was made possible by a substantial donation to the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation from Joseph and Helen Berman, friends of Shapiro for more than 30 years.

Shapiro was instrumental in developing several successful collaborations of radiology and other medical areas throughout the hospital.

"Bernie Shapiro was committed to the philosophy of medicine as an entity of several medical disciplines working towards one common goal," said Dr. Arnold Noyek, director of ambulatory services in the department of otolaryngology.

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Organizations and People

Many firsts in Federman's career

Ex-labor leader once considered being a rabbi

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

For someone who once thought of being a rabbi, Max Federman has led a decidedly uncloistered life.

The still-spry-at-87 labor leader has steered Canada's trade unions to some of their most spectacular victories including the first 40-hour-week contract in the country and a successful strike at the largest tannery in the British Empire.

Indeed, until his retirement a few weeks ago because of ill health, the Chmielnik, Poland native proudly called himself the oldest trade unionist in North America.

Federman knew manual labor from his earliest days. His father was a flour miller. And Federman's first job was in the mines of Mulheim in Germany's Rhineland. Yet, far from hating such work, he enjoyed it. Indeed, he positively revelled in the experience.

"I loved it; it's the first time I worked in my life," he says of those eight months in Mulheim.

It was there that Federman got his first taste of organized labor when he joined the German Miners' Union.

But it was in Canada that he truly blossomed forth as a union man. He had come to Toronto in 1919 to join his father and mother who lived on Ross St. in the then Jewish Spadina district. And, like many immigrant Jews, he had found a job in the garment industry — specifically, as a furrier at $3 a week.

Given this and a 60 hour work week, it isn't surprising Federman organized a strike of all of Spadina's furriers in 1924. The work stoppage, which lasted five weeks, gained the furriers' union its very first contract. It also marked Federman as a man to watch since he was all of 23 when he led his men into battle.

Max Federman

In the years following the strike, Federman rapidly climbed the union ladder. In 1932, he swept to power as president of the furriers' union. Swept, perhaps, is the wrong word. As Federman tells it, his men would not have agreed to have anyone else in the president's chair.

"They asked me; they begged me to become leader of the union," he says.

Taking charge almost immediately, Federman began organizing Toronto's collar and cuff workers. A successful strike followed which was capped in 1935 by a 40-hour-week contract — the first such agreement in the country. Federman scored a similar victory for the furriers in Montreal. (Both cities saw 35-hour-week contracts in 1965.)

In 1936, Federman's men along with the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union struck Guelph's Superior Clock Ltd., a manufacturer of apparel as well as timepieces. The 8-week strike forced the company, an anti-union holdout, to sign contracts with both the Furriers and the ILGWU.

But, it was in the late 1930s that Federman delivered his piece de resistance. With a 22-week-long strike which on one day put 10,000 workers on the picket line, Federman managed to get Toronto's A.R. Clark Ltd., the largest tannery in the British Empire, to sign a contract with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union.

It was a notable victory: not only because of the company's size but also because four other unions had previously failed to bring Clark to its knees. The fight was also noteworthy, says Federman, because it saw no violence — despite the thousands who marched outside the plant. (Federman promised the chief of police there would be no trouble).

As a result of the victory, which ate up $250,000 in strike pay, Federman and the Meat Cutters managed to organize all the other tannery shops in Canada.

That drive was followed in the 40s and 50s by Federman's successful campaign to organize pocketbook makers in Niagara Falls, Ont. and shoe workers in Toronto. But he didn't forget the furriers, continuing to manage their affairs right up through the 70s.

Given membership in so many unions, Federman might be supposed to have enough on his plate. Yet, he still found room for the United Commercial Workers International Union, the Histadrut (Federman was its Canadian chairman), the Labor Zionist Alliance, the Canadian Labor Congress and its American counterpart, the Amalgamated Federation of Labor.

Despite these commitments, he also found time to lead 11 separate trade delegations to Israel.

Surprisingly enough, Federman has never seriously considered aliya. After all, he jokes, Israel, with its need for energetic people, wouldn't be interested in an 87-year-old.

Or would it? Federman has been written off before but has lived to prove people wrong. Indeed, he recalls that after a heart attack 13 years ago, there were many ready to write finis to his career.

"They gave me up; they said I'm finished," he recalls with relish. "I disappointed everybody."

Federman and his wife Evelyn have one child, Lilian Skopit, of Toronto and three grandchildren.

BGU chapter names president

TORONTO—

Dr. Walter Unger, a Toronto dermatologist, is the new president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University. He succeeds Sidney Chelsky, president since 1985.

Unger, active in the Toronto chapter since 1984, is particularly interested in BGU's research efforts to reclaim the Negev and to stem the tide of desertification around the world.

A native Torontonian, Unger received his MD from the University of Toronto and took specialized training in dermatology at the Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, the Skin and Cancer Hospital in Philadelphia and the Institute of Dermatology in London, England.

An associate professor in U of T's Department of Medicine, Unger has also been chief of the department of dermatology at Wellesley Hospital and director of U of T's hair loss clinic.

A member of Temple Sinai, Unger and his wife Marcia have eight children: five boys and three girls.

Dr. Walter Unger

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Cabinet minister gives impressions of changes in USSR

Kwinter's efforts for Refusenik "didn't hurt"

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

Monte Kwinter (right) and Bert Raphael display letter and wine sent to Soviet ambassador. [Belinda Silberman photo]

TORONTO —
Ontario Trade Minister Monte Kwinter may never know whether he was responsible for Leningrad Refusenik Elena Keis' emigration approval, but he acknowledges his efforts "didn't hurt."

Kwinter expressed his dismay over Keis' plight to a delegation of Leningrad officials, who visited Toronto this fall to discuss getting help from Ontario businesses to construct a $5 billion multi-use tourist facility in the USSR.

Kwinter said he told officials he thought "it's very difficult if you're going to be requiring this kind of help from us and you find you have this kind of oppression."

A short time later, Kwinter, who had visited Keis during a trade mission to the USSR just a few weeks before, received a phone call from Jewish community leader Max Shecter telling him Keis was being released along with her engineer husband, Giorgi Kuna, and their 18-year-old son, Andrei.

"I have no idea whether my talk had anything to do with it, but I can tell you it didn't hurt," Kwinter recently told about 40 people at a $17-a-plate kosher luncheon organized by Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry.

Keis, who has been battling for more than 14 years to be reunited with her family in Israel, is expected to leave the USSR shortly. She has been a leading figure in the women's Refusenik movement in the USSR.

During the luncheon held at the Park Plaza Hotel, guests signed letters applauding the Soviet government for recent changes in Soviet Jewish emigration.

The letters, addressed to Alexei Rodionov, the USSR's ambassador to Canada, were sent to the Soviet embassy in Ottawa along with a bottle of Carmel kosher wine.

The letters also asked Soviet officials to show compassion towards eight Refuseniks, who are still waiting to receive emigration permission. They are Mark Chernobradov, Mikhail Kalendarov, Boris Kelman, Josef Latinsky, Emanuel Lurie, Vladimir Rais, Vacheslav Royak and Igor Uspensky.

Kwinter — introduced by Bert Raphael, chairman of the lawyers' and jurists' group — spent much of his address describing his impressions of recent changes in the Soviet Union.

And he credited those changes to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Without question he is the man who is really putting this change into effect," Kwinter said.

"His policies of glasnost, perestroika and demokratsia are truly revolutionizing Soviet society."

Through perestroika, Soviets hope to make major improvements in their economic infrastructure, modernizing industrial production by acquiring new machinery and management systems.

"The Soviet shopping list encompasses a vast array of products, services and expertise that Canadians can supply, including group systems of roads and railways, hotel construction, aircraft, telecommunications systems and food processing," Kwinter said.

And as part of that economy-boosting drive, Soviets invited Kwinter to visit Leningrad this past fall.

"Leningrad has the potential to be one of the most spectacular tourist attractions in the world," Kwinter said.

"The biggest problem that they have is that when you get there, the first thing you want to do is get out of there because there's nothing there other than the sights," he said.

But this could soon change with an agreement in principle reached recently between Soviets and a North American group headed by Canadian entrepreneur Cyrus Eaton, Jr. to build a large tourist facility at Leningrad's outskirts.

The complex — to be similar in scope to the giant West Edmonton Mall — will include shopping, hotel accommodation and tourist attractions.

The North American group includes a team of Canadian designers, architects and builders who will run the facility until investors get a satisfactory return and Soviets learn how to run it themselves, he said.

During his Leningrad trip, Kwinter met with Keis at the suggestion of Nani Beutel, Soviet Jewry chairman of Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto.

Other speakers at the luncheon included Shecter, a former national Soviet Jewry chairman for Canadian Jewish Congress, who made the hamotzi; Wendy Litwack, the CJC's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry co-chairman, who read a copy of the letter being sent to Rodionov; and Isaak Gasko, a television show host for a Russian-language program, who thanked Kwinter for his address.

Special guests included MPP Ron Kanter.

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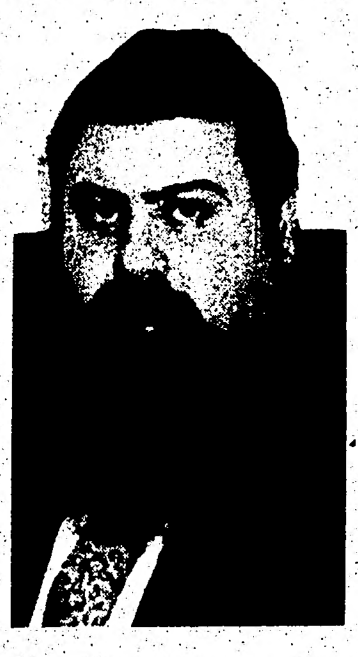

Rabbi Amram Assayag

TORONTO —
Rabbi Amram Assayag has been chosen the new president of the Vaad Harabonim, replacing Rabbi Moshe Lowy who presided during 1986-88.

This is the first time in Toronto that a Sephardi rabbi has become the president of a community-wide Orthodox rabbinic organization.

Born in Tangiers, Morocco, Assayag studied in yeshivot in Toronto and Israel, where he was ordained. He was one of the first fellows of the Ner Israel Yeshiva Kollel postgraduate school of Toronto.

For the past 10 years, Assayag has been the rabbi of Petach Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation, first and largest Sephardi congregation in Ontario. In this capacity, he was instrumental in the founding of Toronto's only Sephardi day school Or Haemet. Under his guidance, it has topped an enrolment of 300 students.

Membership in the Vaad is made up of all southern Ontario Orthodox pulpit rabbis as well as heads of Orthodox institutions of education. The Vaad meets regularly to discuss concerns and religious issues of relevance to this community and the broader world Jewish community.

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefilah Congregation was chosen secretary-treasurer of the Vaad.

Ex-union man Maurice Wax dies

TORONTO —
Maurice Wax, at one time president of the Fur Workers' Union, died in Toronto recently.

"He was a devoted worker in the union and his family was active in the Jewish community," said Harry Simon, a former officer of the union. Wax's father was a furrier as was his brother, Joe. His younger brother, Dr. Sydney Wax, is prominent in the Labor Zionist movement."

While president of the fur workers' union in 1939, Maurice (Moe) Wax enlisted in the Canadian Army, along with several other members.

He was a longtime member of the Pride of Israel Society.

"We were all so proud that the president and other members volunteered to fight against Hitler," said Simon.

He recalled that when war broke out Toronto fur workers were split into two unions, one led by Max Federman who encouraged members to join up, and the other friendly to the Soviet Union whose members were against what they termed "an imperialist war."

"Two years later when Hitler attacked Russia the members of both unions volunteered to make thousands of fur-lined jackets for the Canadian armed forces," Simon said.

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Organizations and People

Etty Danzig (left), president of Jewish Women's Federation, presents a menorah donated by Dorion Fine Judaica, to Wendy Goodman whose name was picked in a draw at the Woman's Show.

JWF at Women's Show

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO — This year's Woman's Show in the Metro Convention Centre has something different — a distinct Jewish presence.

Providing that presence was a booth set up and sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation, a department of Toronto Jewish Congress. That exhibit represented more than 20,000 Jewish women in this community who through their organizations and sisterhoods, are JWF affiliates.

When first approached by organizers to join other "exhibitors" in the Convention Centre at the 4-day show held in late November, the initial reaction was "thanks, but no thanks," said JWF president Etty Danzig.

"We saw the show as a purely consumer-oriented exhibit, and inappropriate for identification with the Federation."

That was before JWF was approached a second time and was then informed there would be several "non-profit" service organizations participating.

Included among them were Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Ontario Women's Directorate. There were also booths representing the Peel Regional and Metropolitan Toronto Police and the RCMP, recruiting women for their respective forces while dispensing information about their role in the community.

The primary purpose behind the JWF decision to participate in the 1988 Woman's Show, Danzig explained, was outreach.

"If this could help to enlarge our profile within the community and interest even a small number of unaffiliated Jewish women, we thought it was worth the effort."

The JWF booth, managed by a core of volunteers led by Bina Feldman and vice-president of JWF Susan Goldberg, offered brochures and literature telling its story to the uninitiated. But the main attraction was a brass menorah, donated for the occasion by Dorion Fine Judaica.

Approximately 150 women filled out a form for a chance to win the menorah, in a draw. The winner was Wendy Goodman of Toronto.

Harry Binder dies at 75

TORONTO — Harry Binder, 75, a former Communist Party activist who broke with the party after Stalin's crimes against Jews were revealed, died recently in Clearwater, Fla.

Binder was chairman of the Societies' Division of the United Jewish Appeal in Toronto for 15 years and was considered an indefatigable worker on behalf of the appeal.

"He was a wonderful man, able to be comfortable with people of high or low estate," said Zelda Lootsteen, director of the Societies Division. "He felt he wasted his years in the party and he wanted to give to the Jewish people and especially to Israel the things he did not do previously."

He was active in Montreal politics in the years before and following World War II. Near the end of the war he enlisted in the Regina Rifles and was wounded twice in France and Belgium.

Harry Binder

Binder moved to Toronto in 1957, becoming a successful jewelry manufacturer, and an active worker in the Jewish community.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys, and daughters Joan Wooling and Louise Binder of Toronto and Catherine Binder of Clearwater.

Ont. health fund grants

TORONTO — The Premier's Council on Health Strategy is now inviting grant applications to the Health Innovation Fund, Premier David Peterson recently announced.

The $100 million Health Innovation Fund was established to support and evaluate new ways of providing cost-effective health services and programs.

It will make funds available in four major areas over four years: about one-third will be used to undertake a comprehensive health status survey, sponsor several hospital-in-the-home pilot projects and encourage further development of community health centres, health service organizations and comprehensive health organizations.

The balance will go towards grants for innovative pilot projects conducted by community groups, individuals, health providers and researchers, as well as projects identified by the Premier's Council on Health Strategy.

To be considered for grants, projects must meet an important consumer health need, not duplicate existing services and present a new approach. Individuals and groups submitting proposals must be sponsored by a non-profit organization.

Criteria for the grants programs have been established and two competitions will be held each year. Application deadlines are March 1 and Oct. 1. Guidelines and application forms are available from the council office.

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Lord's Prayer, New Testament readings continue

Lincoln school board's actions concern CJC

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Ontario Region of Canadian Jewish Congress has informed the province's attorney general of what it believes is a violation by the Lincoln County School Board of a recent court decision banning use of the Lord's Prayer in schools' opening exercises.

The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled religious readings of that sort were a breach of the Charter's guarantee of freedom of religion, CJC Ontario Region chairman Charles Zaionz told a Toronto meeting of Congress's regional executive.

It is Congress's view that the the Lincoln County School Board is breaking the law, he later told The CJN. No reply to Congress's letter to the attorney general has as yet been received, Zaionz added.

(A spokesman for Attorney General's department told The CJN it would be up to the education ministry to determine if any action against the Lincoln board was justified.)

Congress has for years opposed the recitation in schools of religious prayers, including provisions that allowed children to leave the class when the prayers were said. It took part in a successful court case launched by a group of Sudbury parents, arguing with them that regulations calling for use of the prayer are unconstitutional.

In an interview with The CJN, Garry Holmes, director of education for the Lincoln County School Board, said the board was "carrying on as we did prior to the court decision."

He said that in most of the board's 70 schools, the Lord's Prayer and readings from the New Testament continue to be used exclusively.

Some schools, where the backgrounds of the students vary, employ multifaith or non-denominational prayers, including some devised by students, he added.

Use of the Lord's Prayer reflects the makeup of the community, which is predominantly Christian, Holmes said. Much of the population supporting the school board (which represents the northern half of the Niagara Peninsula) consists of "a tremendous number of fundamentalists and Mennonites. They do impact on the overall board decisions," he said.

Holmes stated that since the Court of Appeal decision is being appealed and until the ministry of education devises new regulations based on their interpretation of the court ruling, the Lincoln board will stay its course.

Zaionz told the regional meeting that the Sudbury school board, which lost the Court of Appeal case on school prayer, is planning to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

He said the Peel County board has offered to finance costs of the appeal, a situation that gives rise to legal question whether one public board, using taxpayers' money, can underwrite the costs of another board's appeal.

Congress's lawyers will be examining that situation with a view to possible legal involvement of CJC in the issue, he said.

Turning to other business, Zaionz told the meeting the Canada-Israel Committee, the community's public voice and lobby group on issues concerning Israel, is being restructured to add a regional staff person.

CIC will be making a budget request from the National Budgeting Conference early in the new year for the new Ontario staff person, the meeting was told.

Announcement of the restructuring prompted some spirited debate in which the need for a coordination of community responses and community mobilization in support of Israel were discussed.

Former CIC national chairman Anne Gross told the meeting that in light of last year's many Mideast developments and the anxiety of the community over Israel's apparent isolation, an additional staff person is needed.

In other business, Yona Gazit, Keren Hayesod shaliach (emissary) to Canada updated the regional executive on Mideast developments.

He suggested that despite appearances to the contrary, the Palestine Liberation Organization has not abandoned its goal of destroying Israel.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was reacting to strong pressures from the territories for some kind of political achievement to go along with the intifada (uprising), he said.

The opening of a U.S. dialogue with the PLO (following, inter alia, Arafat's recognition of Israel's right to exist) should not have come as a surprise, since Israel was well aware of the behind-the-scenes negotiations that preceded, he said.

The first hint goes back to September, following talks between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Since then, the Soviets have been "smiling at us," relations have improved, Syrian arms procurements have been cut back and pressure put on the PLO to modify its positions.

There was likely an agreement reached between the superpowers to settle regional disputes, he noted, and the Soviets expected some U.S. action to reciprocate its policy changes, he said.

But despite Arafat's Geneva statement, the PLO continues to tell the Arab world that nothing has changed in its political stance, Gazit said.

Abu Iyad, Arafat's deputy, has noted the PLO has made no changes to its covenant, which continues to call for Israel's destruction.

Arafat's announcement of a Palestinian state puts on the table the 1947 United Nations partition borders (smaller than Israel's 1967 borders), Gazit said.

He was creating a new fact in world politics, Gazit said. If there is a peace conference, Arafat will say he is coming in with a state and the only question to be resolved is the extent of its borders, he suggested.

In other business, Gordon Wolfe, director of the Jewish Family & Child Service, reported on the work of the agency "which deals with the community's tzures (troubles)."

JF & CS deals with the Jewish poor, including those families headed by two parents both of whom may be earning the minimum wage. For a family of four, that would still put them $3,000 below the poverty line, he said.

The agency also tries to cope with problems of inadequate housing, and a financial assistance program is aimed at providing a higher standard of living for those on welfare or receiving family benefits.

JF & CS deals with abused children and family violence. A temporary shelter for abused women has been filled for the last five months, he said, and the agency is looking for a second apartment.

Wolfe discussed the chaplaincy services provided to those in nursing homes, hospitals and in prisons and psychiatric institutions. From 1,200-1,300 people in Metropolitan Toronto alone require the service, he said.

He also noted the agency has "a waiting list a mile long for couples who want (to adopt) babies, and we don't have babies."

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CJF HONORS TJC LEADERS

Glennie Lindenberg and Marshall Kesten, named 1988 Leadership Development Award recipients by Toronto Jewish Congress, display certificates at Council of Jewish Federations 57th General Assembly in New Orleans. Jack Levine (left), chairman of CJF National Committee on Leadership Development, made the presentation to community award winners.

DEADLINES, PICTURES & SUCH

Now that the holiday season is behind us, deadlines for the What's New and About People columns return to the regular schedule — that is Thursday, 2 weeks prior to issue date (for example, deadline for Jan. 19 issue is Jan. 5 and deadline for Jan. 26 issue is Jan. 12). I will be at my desk on Thursdays to receive your calls and sort my mail.

About pictures — please remember that we cannot accept pictures with more than 5 people. When submitting a photo give full names of all persons plus organization affiliation and designate location in picture — left to right, back row, front row. Also, if you wish the picture returned, indicate on the back with complete name and return address. This information should be typed and pasted on the back. Do not write on the back as it spoils the photo. And include $1 for return postage please.

Saturday, Jan. 7

KEHILLATH AHAVAT HESED

Kehillath Ahavat Hesed, a modern, egalitarian congregation, invites the community to services on Shabbat Rosh Hodesh, Jan. 7, at 9.30 a.m. at the Zionist Centre, 3rd floor, 788 Marlee Ave.

In addition to the regular service, there will be a report by a delegate just back from the First International Jewish Feminists' Conference in Jerusalem.

Everyone is welcome (children too) and a kiddush will follow. For information, call **Miriam** or **Roel** at 633-6837.

Sunday, Jan. 8

SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture presented by the University of Toronto on Sunday, Jan. 8, features **Prof. Elliot Horowitz**, department of history, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, presently on sabbatical at Yale University. The topic will be The Eve of the Circumcision: A Chapter in the History of Jewish Nightlife in the Medieval and Early Modern Period.

The time is 8 p.m. in Room 205, Faculty of Library and Information Service, 140 St. George St. (next to Robarts Library).

Members of the staff, students and the public are invited.

PEACE AND PLURALISM

Peace and Pluralism: Eyewitness Report from Israel is the subject of the talk **Rabbi Dow Marmur** will be giving at the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Jan. 8. Rabbi Marmur, senior rabbi of Holy Blossom, has just returned from Israel.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30 and the speaker at 10.

Former Alumni members are welcome to attend.

HELACON REPRESENTATIVES

The Toronto Board of Education offers the Heritage Language Program to students in elementary schools for 2½ hours a week. The Heritage Languages and Concurrent Programs Consultative Committee (HELACON) advises the board on matters concerning the program. The committee is composed of representatives elected for a 3-year term by appropriate language or cultural communities in Toronto.

The election of the HELACON representatives for the Hebrew Heritage Language Program will be held on Sunday, Jan. 8, at noon at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

For information on eligibility of voters and candidates, call the Community Services Office at 591-8355.

ART THERAPY

Congregation Habonim Breakfast Club invites you to hear **Morton Manilla** give a talk and slide demonstration on Art Therapy, the use of visual expression in the resolution of psychological conflicts, on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. at the synagogue, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn).

Breakfast and lecture is $5 per person.

Monday, Jan. 9

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

The Jewish Diabetes Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association is holding a meeting on Monday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The guest speaker, **Sheila Walker**, clinical nutritionist, Sunnybrook Medical Centre, will speak on Update on Nutritional Management.

There will also be a display of kosher foods for diabetics. Dietician **Beth Duviner** will be available to answer questions on kosher foods.

For further information, contact **Esther Schwartz** at 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt** at 225-1989.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhhod invites members and friends to Travel the World the Jewish Way with **Emil Aufgang** of Aufgang Travels at its general meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Refreshments will be served.

MOVIE NIGHT & SOCIAL

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the New Fraternal Jewish Association is having a movie night and social featuring the film The Tallest Tree in Our Forest — The LIfe and Times of Paul Robeson.

The time is 8.30 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING WOMEN

Legislation Affecting Women: The Family Law Act; The Divorce Act; The Support and Custody Enforcement Act is the subject of the workshop being held at Fairview Regional Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 7-9 p.m.

The speakers will be **Mary Lou Parker**, family law practitioner, and **Mary Dunbar**, lawyer with Dunbar, Sachs, Appell.

EMUNAH WOMEN LECTURE SERIES

The Emunah Women 3-lecture series entitled Jewish Windows on the World: Fundamentals of Jewish Thought with **Rabbi Pinchas Brumer** gets off to a start on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 8 p.m. at Ulpanot Orot, 45 Canyon Ave.

The fee is $10 for the series or $5 each lecture. For further information, call **Ruth** at 635-9847.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

NOT A LOVE STORY

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, Zahav Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, is presenting a viewing and discussion of the film Not a Love Story, which deals with the subject of women and pornography.

For further information, contact **Francine** at 925-2989.

GREAT PERSONALITIES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue adult education Wednesday evening lecture series, The Influence of Great Personalities on Jewish Life, with **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, executive director of Board of Jewish Education, begins on Jan. 11 with a discussion on **Rashi**.

All sessions take place from 8-9.30 p.m. in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St. For further information, call 633-3838.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham couples club meets every other Wednesday evening for an informal-style lecture series with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**. The topic on Jan 11 is A Jewish Perspective of Gentiles.

The time is 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill (off Green Lane).

For more information, call 886-0420.

Thursday, Jan. 12

HESCHEL: THE MAN & HIS VISION

Heschel: The Man and His Vision, a series of lectures dedicated to **Avraham Joshua Heschel** sponsored by Beth Tikvah Synagogue, continues on Thursday, Jan. 12, with **Heschel's Vision for North American Jewry with guest lecturer Rabbi Byron Sherwin**, professor of Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism, Spertus College of Judaica, Chicago.

The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP

The Ontario Lupus Association Coping/Support Group (Toronto and Mississauga groups) meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Ontario Lupus Association, 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12.

For information, call the association at 967-1414.

And What Else Is New...

ASSOCIATED SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto is accepting applications for scholarships in higher Jewish studies. These scholarships are granted annually through a special fund established by friends of Associated. Chairman of the scholarship committee is **Louis Weisfeld**.

The awards are designed to assist graduates of Associated who propose to pursue post-secondary studies in a recognized institution. Priority will be given to those seeking to prepare themselves for a career in teaching in the Hebrew studies department of Associated Hebrew Schools. Awards will also be made to graduates entering other acceptable programs of study in Israel.

Candidates must be graduates of grade 8 at Associated and graduates of recognized Jewish senior day high schools or yeshivot, who have completed their formal studies (at high school, university, or yeshiva) not more than two years prior to application. Candidates must plan on attending an approved institution of higher learning outside Canada.

Applications should be received by Jan. 31, for awards to be effective the following academic year. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Scholarship Awards Committee, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., Toronto, M6A 2E3.

ISRAELI BAR REVIEW COURSE

The Israel Aliyah Centre, in cooperation with the North American Aliyah Movement (NAAM) and Tehilla the Union for Religious Aliyah, announces the administration of the Foreign Lawyers Bar Examinations of the State of Israel to be conducted in New York July 2-11.

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NEW WOMEN'S ORT PRESIDENT

Joann Smith (left), newly installed national president of Women's Canadian ORT, is seen with Dorothy Shoichet, a past president, at Convention 88 in Israel, marking both WCO's and Israel's 40th anniversaries. Smith succeeds Harriet Morton, who has completed a 4-year term in office.

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The examination, which is open to all practicing lawyers, law school graduates and judges, will be given in English. A review course in New York will be held a week prior to the exam period.

For further information, contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 202, Downsview, M3H 5Z3. The phone number is (416) 633-4766.

YESHIVA BOCHER NEEDS HELP

Shimon Azulai is a 15-year-old yeshiva bocher at Diskin Yeshiva in Jerusalem who needs $20,000 (U.S.) for open heart surgery in South Africa.

Rabbi Yitzchak Bitton of Ahavat Yisroel, Jerusalem, has been touring North America trying to raise funds for Shimon. To date he has collected over $5,000.

Those wishing to contribute should make checks payable to Bet Midrash Bar Yochai and send them to **Rabbi Baruch Taub**, c/o Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Ont., L4J 5V3.

Rabbi Bitton's mission has been endorsed by Rabbi Taub, **Rabbi David Schochet** of Chabad Lubavitch and **Rabbi Haim Benoliel** of Congregation B'nai Yosef in Brooklyn, NY.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Several Yiddish classes are being offered by the North York Board of Education.

Heritage language classes for children grades 2-8 are held, free of charge, on Sunday mornings at Associated Hebrew Schools Finch branch, 250 Finch Ave., W. A class has been going for almost a decade and is taught by educator **Irving Eisner**. For information about registration, call Mr. Eisner at 789-3596 or 886-3140 or **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, at 635-2883.

Adult Yiddish classes are held at Northview Heights Secondary, 550 Finch Ave. W. Following the success of the first class, a second class is being offered, designed to develop verbal communication and fluency. Beginners class on Thursday evenings begins Jan. 12. Intermediate class on Tuesday evenings begins Jan. 10. The fee is $20 for a 10-week course. For registration and further information, call Northview at 665-2700.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is presenting a children's concert (recommended for ages 3 to 93) on Sunday, Jan. 15, featuring **Kim and Jerry Brodey**. Showtime is 1 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. (between Sheppard and Finch).

Tickets are $6 in advance, $7 at the door.

ART COURSES

Hurry! Hurry! Registration has already begun for the 1989 winter session of courses at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art.

Courses include drawing, painting, life drawing, clay sculpture, stone sculpture, glaze applications, ceramics (handbuilding and wheel) and children's mixed media and ceramics.

Once classes are full, registration is over, so don't miss out. Be sure to register for yourself, your spouse or your child today! The gallery, which is part of the Jewish Community Centre, is located at 4588 Bathurst St.

For further information, contact **Rose** at 636-1880, ext. 279.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

The Jewish Family & Child Service is running the following groups this winter —

Taking Care of Aging Parents, a workshop that will deal positively with issues arising from taking care of aging parents, begins Monday, Jan. 23, for six sessions.

Looking Ahead, a group for recently separated or divorced people, begins Tuesday, Feb. 7, for six sessions.

Midlife Separation and Divorce, deals with finding oneself alone after many years of marriage. It begins Wednesday, Feb. 15, for six sessions.

Programs take place at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor. For information and registration, call **Freda** at 638-7800. Scholarships are available.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Highlights of special events taking place during the month of January at Shalom Village Retirement Home, 70 Macklin St., N., Hamilton, include —

Sunday, Jan. 8 — Shalom Village celebrates its 7th birthday with a tea dance beginning at 2.30 p.m. Music will be provided by 3's Company Band. There will also be the celebration of **John Loebel's** birthday.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 — Jewish storyteller **Alec Geber** will entertain at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22 — Join in the potluck supper at 5 p.m. The cost is $5 for non-residents.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 — The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra's string quartet will entertain with a program of light music at 7.30 p.m.

For further information, call 528-5377 in Hamilton.

KEEP UP YOUR HEBREW

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue is offering the second term of Hebrew classes with **Yael Lev** at a combined intermediate-advanced level. The classes take place on Tuesday evenings from 8-9.30 at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Classes started Jan. 3, but it is not too late to join.

The fee for 10 sessions is $40 members, $60 non-members.

For information, call the synagogue office at 789-3213.

JIS VOLUNTEERS

Jewish Information Service needs additional volunteers to staff information and referral lines. There will also be drop-ins needing assistance.

Volunteer candidates need good communication skills. Other languages are an asset but not required.

Consider JIS for a busy and stimulating environment. For further information, call 635-5600.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE SCHOOL

Registration is still being accepted for the Leah Posluns Theatre School's courses which begin Jan. 22. The school is offering Creative Drama for children, Script Creation From Idea Through Presentation for teens, Backstage Workshop, Musical Theatre, Beginner and Advanced Acting for adults and Daytime Acting.

For the business professional, the school is offering a course called Professionalize Yourself, an intensive theatre course designed to upgrade presentation and communication skills, develop confidence and image style.

For the very best in part-time theatre training, call **Valerie** at 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271.

JSU/HILLEL EVENTS

This week's events planned by the Jewish Students' Union/Hillel of the University of Toronto include —

Thursday, Jan. 5 — Weekly Torah class at 3.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave...Tehila Choir continues at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Friday, Jan. 6 — Shabbat dinner at JSU/Hillel House at 6 p.m. Cost is $6 with JSU card, $7 without and free to residence students with JSU card.

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — Floor hockey begins again at 9 p.m. at Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y. There is no charge and equipment is provided. Register by calling 923-9861.

Thursday, Jan. 12 — Continuous showings of the movie Delirious with **Eddie Murphy** on the big screen at the JSU/Hillel House with the official showing at 2 p.m...Weekly Torah class at 3.10 p.m...Tehila Choir at 9 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue...This is club day at the U of T. Watch for JSU/Hillel table in the Sidney Smith lobby...Israel Support & Action Coalition (ISAAC) is holding a planning and programming meeting at 4 p.m. in Hart House's south sitting room.

Upcoming — Ski at Mt. St. Anne during reading week, Feb. 12-15 for only $335. Price includes round trip transportation, three nights accommodation, 3-day ski lift ticket, two meals (kosher) daily and nights out in Quebec City. Cross country skiing available at a lower cost. For information, call 923-9861.

MINI SERIES ON MONEY ISSUES

The Basics Seminar is presenting a special mini series on Money Issues.

Session I — Today's Priorities: Living to Work and Working to Live, takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 11; Session II — Tzedakah: The Philosophy of Philanthropy on Sunday, Jan. 15, and Session III — The Ethical factor: 'Making It', Whatever the Cost, on Sunday, Jan. 22.

All sessions take place at Aish HaTorah Centre, 296A Wilson Ave., beginning at 8 p.m. The cost is $8. Phone 636-7560 to register for all or part of the series.

BEGINNERS DAYTIME HEBREW

Do you find your children have Hebrew homework and you are unable to help them? Would you like to share the excitement of learning as your children are?

A second series of daytime conversational Hebrew and reading for beginners, designed especially for mothers who have children in day schools, will be starting Thursday, Jan. 12, from 10-11.30 a.m. or 1.30-3 p.m.

For mothers who have some formal conversational background, there are a few spaces left in the two existing groups on Tuesday mornings from 10-11.30 and afternoons from 1.30-3.

All classes will take place at Associated Hebrew Schools Neptune branch. For more information, call the teacher, **Yael Lev** at 225-6151.

TORONTO HOUSE ENDOWMENT

Irving Matlow (left), chairman of Toronto Branch, Association for Soldiers of Israel, presents a plaque to the Beth Sholom Synagogue in appreciation of the synagogue's endowment of a room at Toronto House in the Beersheba Soldiers Centre. Accepting the plaque on behalf of the congregation are synagogue president Carl Winer (centre) and Cantor David Bagley.

FOR PARENTS & PRE-SCHOOLERS

The North York Board of Education is offering the following programs from Jan. 9 to parents with their pre-schoolers: to help them learn more about child development, child management and interaction with other parents.

The programs include Enjoying Your Infant for children up to 12 months; Enjoying Your Toddler for children aged 1-2 years, and Drop In Centres for children aged 1-4 years.

Brochures and further information may be obtained by calling Continuing Education at 229-5507.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Meet and greet Hebraic artist **Mordechai Rosenstein** and attend the showing and sale of his art at the Sisterhood Shabbat at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue on Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. Acclaimed for his limited edition silk screen prints of award-winning original pieces, he will be the guest speaker at the evening services which will conclude a day of sisterhood participation. This will be the artist's only Canadian appearance.

Mordechai Rosenstein

To commemorate Sisterhood Shabbat, the sermon at morning services will be delivered by **Ruth Kelman.** Participants in the evening services, which begin at 8 p.m., will include **Sheila Mostyn,** sisterhood president; **Barbara Schneider; Cantor Louis Danto;** the Zemer Chorale led by **Charles Heller; Rouhama Danto,** who will introduce the guest speaker, and **Paula Frisch.**

There is no charge for admission to the art show and sale. Refreshments will be served. The synagogue is at 100 Elder St.

WITH SHOFAR AND TRUMPET

The triumphant sound of brass ensemble and choir will be heard at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., on Shabbat Shira, Friday, Jan. 20, at 8.30 p.m. With Shofar and Trumpet will combine the forces of the National Concert Brass Ensemble, the Holy Blossom Chamber Choir and organist **Douglas Bodle**, all under the direction of **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**.

Prominent North American composers to be featured in this unusual recital include **Isadore Freed, Herman Berlinsky, William Sharlin, Howard Gamble, Milton Barnes, Srul Glick, Steve Richards** and **Joseph Myrov**. A newly commissioned work for chamber choir and brass has been written especially for this occasion by young Toronto composer **Ted Labow**.

HEBREW CLASSES

Starting Thursday, Jan. 19, Beth Sholom Synagogue adult education is offering two 10-week Hebrew courses.

Group I, Hebrew Reading for Beginners and Study of Siddur, will be taught by **Hana Werner**; Group II, Beginning Hebrew Conversation, will be taught by **Nava Volach**.

Sessions take place from 8-9 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. The charge is $40 per person, $60 per couple. Class size is limited, so call the synagogue office at 783-6103 for information and to register.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Beth Tikvah youth department is presenting two new programs, starting in January.

Creating Together Jewishly — a creative play group for mothers and children aged 1-3 years, combining music, crafts and toys. Songs and crafts will be in Hebrew and English.

First Year Parenting Support Group — lec-

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tures, discussions, music and games for babies up to 12 months. Bring your babies with you for a stimulating 1½ hours of fun and learning experiences.

The instructor for both groups is **Karen Epstein Gilboa**, an experienced pre-school instructor who has worked both in Israel and Canada. The starting date is Wednesday, Jan. 11, and the program runs for 10 weeks to March 15. The cost is $65.

For more information and to register, call **Ellen Feinman** at 221-3433.

for seniors

The Association of Jewish Seniors invites you to join in the continuing education series offered in cooperation with the North York Board of Education. The two courses, Law Enforcement and Crime (instructor **Scott Nicholls) and Creative Writing (instructor Jane Brinklow**, will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9.45 to 11.45 beginning Jan. 18 to March 8 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The courses are free to seniors 65 and over with a one-time refreshment fee of $4. Adults fee is $20. Pre-registration is required. Phone **Linda Damore** at 635-2860 to register for the course of your choice.

The LZA Seniors Club announces that all arrangements have been completed for the special 2-week Yom Ha'atzmaut tour to Israel. This tour is jointly sponsored by Labor Zionist Alliance and Canadian Association for Labor Israel. For details, call the Borochov Centre at 630-9444...Toronto seniors are invited to join the group daily from noon to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Centre for pleasant company, entertainment, cards, chess and light lunches.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is planning a concert on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 6-10 p.m. at the Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard)...Partial activities during January; February and through to mid-March will include barber service on Mondays 9 a.m. to noon; ballroom and line dancing on Tuesday mornings 10 to noon; art classes on Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.; fitness on Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. Full activities will commence March 20...Saturday night dances at the club house will continue as scheduled as will the dances with a live band at the community centre, weather permitting. Be sure to check with **Charles Cohen** at 741-4462 if weather is bad. Also, check with Mr. Cohen for further information about all activities including the concert.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is introducing the program, Joy of Music, on Monday, Jan. 9, at 1 p.m. This is free to members...Also on Monday, Jan. 9, Tai Chai resumes at 10.30 a.m...Reservations are being taken for the Miami trip for various kosher hotels. You can reserve your dates up to the end of January...A musical outing to see the Three Penny Opera at the Bluma Appel Theatre is arranged for March 15. Tickets are $11 and $12...Also in March, there will be a lecture and documentation program on drugs and drug-food interaction...For further information about all activities, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Senior Sinai's Golden Book is still ongoing. Place your donation with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

The JCC Singers is a group of dedicated senior citizens who share a common bond — the love of singing. After another successful year with a tight schedule of perfomances, the group now is starting to prepare new programs for 1989. If you are 55 and over and would like to sing with this friendly choir, and would like to compensate a cold winter with heartwarming songs, just come along to Room 221 at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are welcome to train with well known conductor **Esther Ghan-Firestone** accompanied by pianist **Sara Barkin-Sandler**. You will enjoy learning new songs and singing in performance on stage. Reading music is not a prerequisite. For bookings and information, call the president, **Dolly Brown**, at 636-9468.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — A public forum on The Housing Crisis — What Are Our Hopes for the Future? is being held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 1.30-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Panelists are **Michael Miller**, partner in law firm Cass and Miller, who will speak on Where Will Your Children Live? — The Effect of Speculators on the Open Market; **David Spence**, policy program development officer, housing conservation unit, Ontario ministry of housing, whose topic will be Housing Alternatives for Senior Citizens, and **Bill Beatty**, branch manager, Toronto branch office, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., who will deal with what government programs are available to assist seniors who cannot compete on the open market. There is no charge but reserve seating is a must. Register at the Wagman Centre office or call 789-5131, ext. 2267, no later than Jan. 16...Aluma Canadian Israeli Club, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 p.m. For information, contact **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273, or **Avraham Leibovich** at 633-2630.

The Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 meets on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 1.30 p.m. when **Paula Shear** will sing your favorite melodies. Coffee and cake will be served. There is a charge of $1.50 for non-members.

Regular programs for seniors at the Bloor Y will resume Jan. 9. For information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Former members of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** are welcome to attend the temple's Brotherhood Breakfast Club meetings on Sunday mornings. Check for information in the What's New column under the Sunday date.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The continuing series of public forums on elder abuse, The Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly, is presenting **Ann Marie Johnston** of Concerned Friends, who will speak on Elderly Abuse in Institutions — What We Can Do To Help. The date is Thursday, Jan. 5, at 1.30 p.m. For further information, call **Sheila Zane** at 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Clinic is presenting the game Spinach, which helps players learn what changes to expect as they grow older and how to handle these changes. It takes place on Wednesdays, Jan. 11 and 25 and Feb. 8 and 22, from 10-11 a.m.

La'Briyut Wellness Clinic is also offering a program on Successful Slimming with nutritionist/dietician **Paula Ruch** on Mondays, Jan. 16 and 30 and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 1-2 p.m.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and living on their own meets on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. **Harold Friendly** will speak on Telling Jokes in a Serious Business. This is for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1.

Any information about special events, day trips and long tours can be obtained by calling **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

at the jcc

The Jewish Community Centre is in the process of planning a new recreation/social skills group for learning disabled children 10-13 years of age. The group will run on a weekday after school for 1½ hours at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. If you are interested in the program, call **Nurit Cohn** at 636-1880, ext. 238. The program is starting in January.

You will start the new year off right at the Koffler Centre School of Dance and Related Arts. A full roster of recreational and professional courses is being offered for children, teens and adults. Choose from introductory, elementary, intermediate and advanced programs in creative, modern dance, ballet, jazz, tap, ballroom and folk dancing. The professional staff welcomes your inquiries. Call 636-1880, ext. 261.

Learn Yiddish at the JCC North-East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St. Even if you are a total beginner, you will learn to read, write and speak Yiddish in only 8 weeks. The course will be held on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning Jan. 10. The cost is $80. For more information, call 889-0813.

Pre-Marital Wonders, a program of five informative workshops for couples approaching marriage, is being offered by the JCC North-East Valley branch. Topics will include communication, financial planning, real estate, the Jewish home life and planning your honeymoon. The cost is $30 per couple. For more information, call **Luni Bendayan** at 889-0813.

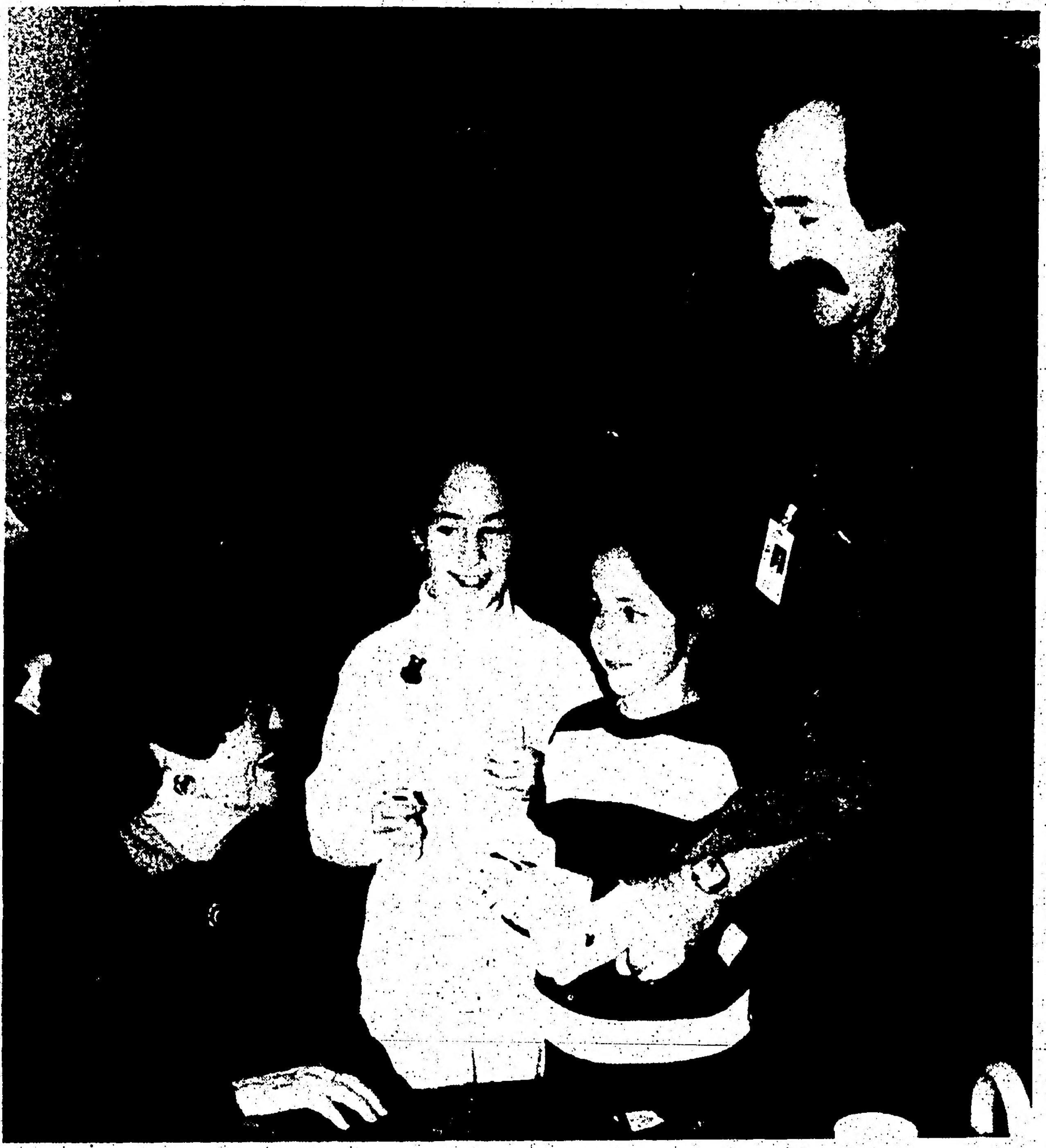
The N/E Valley branch is continuing duplicate bridge on Mondays from 7.30-10.30 p.m. The charge is $2.50 per evening.

Bridge lessons at the N/E Valley branch — intermediate bridge lessons are being offered with the first hour of lessons followed by two hours of playing time under the direction of a qualified instructor. Also, beginner lessons are held on Monday evenings from 7-10 p.m. These sessions run for 10 weeks and the fee is $30. For more information, call 889-0813.

Have you always wanted to learn Hebrew? Here's your chance at the N/E Valley branch. In eight weeks you will learn the basics of Hebrew including reading and writing. Classes begin Thursday, Jan. 12, from 7-9 p.m. and the cost is $80. For more information, call 889-0813.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

A cocktail reception on behalf of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel in honor of Yusef Kara was held recently at the Toronto Sheraton Centre. Kara, the Druze representative at the Vaad H'apoel, was on a visit to Canada and the U.S. An Amal School at Mercaz Hagalil to serve the Druze population was launched in Montreal at the tribute dinner in honor of Maurice Silcoff. From left are Yusef Kara, Benjamin Abileah, consul-general of Israel, and Ken Rogers, executive assistant, Workers Health and Safety Centre.



TEA TIME

Every Thursday morning at 9.30, taking time out from a busy work schudule, Julius Suraski arrives at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care to prepare and serve tea and coffee to members of Baycrest Day Care Service for Seniors. His daughters Clarrie, 10, and Lauren, 8, are also familiar faces to day care members such as Tillie Robins (left), since they began coming to Baycrest to help their father during school holidays.

About People

TRIBUTE TO MURRAY KOFFLER

It was fitting that **Chief Billy Diamond**, grand chief of the Crees and champion of Native rights, presented **Murray Koffler** with a tamarack goose decoy in recognition of his contributions to Native business success. The presentation was made at a dinner attended by Native dignitaries, prominent politicians and business people.

The dinner, held at Toronto's Four Seasons Hotel recently, was in tribute to Mr. Koffler, founder and chairman emeritus of CCNB (Canadian Council for Native Business), for his personal and business contributions to the council and Native people. The event also served to kick off the CCNB's 1989 corporate drive for funds.

METRO'S BIGGEST BROTHER

Jeff Greenberg is Metro's 1989 Big Brother of the Year. The 28-year-old Torontonian was honored at a party and awards ceremony which took place at the Royal York Hotel. He won the award for the time he spends with his little brother **Darryl**, 12, whom he has been seeing for the past 3½ years.

RE-ELECTED TO CJF BOARD

Torontonian Jack Rose has been re-elected as a vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations. Officers of the Council serve as advisors to the president and assist in policy-making. The election took place at the recent CJF General Assembly in New Orleans.

This will be Mr. Rose's second year as a CJF vice-president and as a member of the CJF executive committee. Last January he was appointed as the new chairman of the Canadian Services Committee.

The CJF is the national association of 200 Jewish federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities in Canada and the U.S.

singles events

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Meanderings . . . 1989

by Jerry Borins

Jerry & Harriet Borins & Hilliard Conway seen together at the Variety Club's salute to the "Gemini Awards" luncheon at the Harbour Castle Westin (Frontenac Room). Read on about Jerry's bevy of beauties!!

Two days after the very successful & fabulous **J. N. F. Negev Dinner** honouring **Douglas Bassett**, I hosted a **bevy of beauties** — nine of my favourite women — at the **Wheat Sheaf** table for the **Variety Club Luncheon** saluting the **Canadian T.V. Industry** and the **1988 Gemini Awards.** I want **you** to know how special these ladies are in my life and that was one of my ways to show how I feel about them . . . **Harriet Borins,** (your scribe's lovely wife), **Lillian Cash, Leslie Derbecker, Sheila Mostyn, Karen Stekel, Honey Wagman, Janet Werger, Carole Wolfe,** and **Sharon Zeiler.** The photo taken of all of us did not come out perfectly so I'll let you know when we get together again so you can join us. Before the luncheon, I was telling **Lloyd Robertson** how the film he introduced with **Sandie Rinaldo** for the **Negev Dinner (as a surprise for Doug Bassett)** was so well accepted by all the guests. He told me they did it on one "take" . . . what pros!! We were filmed together and that is the story behind my surprise appearance on **CTV** that night — right across Canada. It was also nice seeing Variety fans like **Phil Freedman, Manny Widman** (a popular prez of **Don Mills Lodge** a while back). **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Sam Kolber, Al & Sara Waxman, H. Wayne Tannenbaum** and, of course, **Hilliard Conway.** Mazel tov to **Sandie Rinaldo** on her becoming co-anchor of **CFTO's World Beat News** on Jan. 9th, after 15 years with the CTV network . . . an excellent & very popular presenter of the news . . . As we start the year of **1989,** I must thank **Saul & Myrna Korman (Korry's**-Clothiers to famous columnists everywhere) for the idea for my column & for all the wonderful guidance in dressing me so well. And Saul, it's a pleasure to read **my** name in **your** column in the Globe & Mail . . . and thanks for plugging our upcoming **Great Lakes Celebrity Swim '89** on behalf of **Variety Village** & mentioning my young, energetic co-chairmen **Paul Slavens (Paul Slavens Real Estate)** & **Rob Chenaux (Loblaw Companies).** We'll be in shortly to try on your new REDAELLI designer line. I meet such nice readers at **Korry's** like **Saul & Bev Isenberg** (Delray Pharmacy) . . . We're passing out cigars this week . . . we've had a new addition to our Wheat Sheaf Tavern Ltd. & Gerald Borins Enterprises Ltd. staff. Joining **Risa, Malcolm** and I is **Karen Garscadden** as my **Special Projects Coordinator.** Karen is an extraordinary, gifted lady who many of you know from her volunteer work with U.J.A. and from her consulting business in organizing some of the nicest simchas in our town! **Karen** is already hard at work on several projects including the **Variety Telethon Celebrity Black Tie Dinner, the Adath Israel Brotherhood's Monte Carlo Night** and the upcoming **Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum Dinner.** She will be working closely with **Risa & I** on communicating with the over 14,000 people on the **Wheat Sheaf** customer mailing list and on my personal mailing list. Let us know if we can assist **your** special fund-raising project like we've helped **Jessie's Centre for Teenagers, Reena, Pride of Israel, Canada Trust** & the **Toronto Hospital** (Western & TGH) at the **Wheat Sheaf** . . .

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Baycrest Centre Men's Service Group

. . . One of the nicest gentlemen in our community is **Sam Ruth "Mr. Baycrest."** In June, I wrote about his tribute dinner . . . 1,200 Jewish & Chinese Canadians got a taste of each other's culture at a Kosher Chinese dinner at the Sheraton. Well, **Sam,** is the **Consultant** to **The Baycrest Centre Foundation.** It is with added joy that I recently joined the **Baycrest Centre Men's Service Group** . . . 'cause I'll be seeing Sam more. **Sam,** thanks for your very thoughful letter! **The Men's Service Group** was established to provide **service, companionship** and **compassion** for those in our community who have reached their later years. My special thanks to **Ben Goldmintz** - a board member & to **Alan Judelman** - its dedicated President - for making me aware of the **M.S.G.'s** fine work and for inviting me for its Jan. 23rd Board Meeting. I'll be there and look forward to hearing a fine speaker like **Barbara Stein** . . . I'll help keep you posted on its activities & how you may help! And I must thank my friends **Ben & Lilly Goldmintz** for the wonderful book they gave me recently and for their kind encouragement and support . . . Congratulations to my loyal readers & neighbours — **Ron & Lynda Roth** on the birth of their baby boy. Mazel tov!!

The Variety Telethon Celebrity Black Tie Dinner

. . . and thank you **Larry Marshall C.A.** for wanting to join **Variety Club.** Bless you for your interest in what we do for kids at Variety. **Sheila** (consultant at Superior Travel) & you must be very proud of what your daughter **Paula** has accomplished with autistic children in North York . . . **Variety Club's Star Time '89** has an exciting new twist! This year we're proud to introduce an event that will become a hallmark of **Telethons** to come . . . **The Variety Telethon Celebrity Black Tie Dinner** . . . & I'm proud to be the **Dinner Chairman.**

Date: Saturday, January 28th 1989.
Place: The Royal York Hotel,
Concert Hall.
Time: 6:00 p.m. cocktails,
7:00 p.m. dinner.

The cost per ticket is **$100,** (tables of 10 can be arranged) **R.S.V.P. 961-7300 - Margaret.** Reserve now, seating is limited. Meet and greet an outstanding collection of dedicated celebrities including **Monty Hall, Burton Cummings, Lloyd Bochner, Larry Mann, Vicki Keith, Gene Taylor** and others . . . After dinner you can rub shoulders with our special guests at a **Monte Carlo** extravaganza, and please stick around for the kickoff of our **Star Time '89 telethon** on **Global T.V.** Reserve your seats for this event & plan to join us. Afterall, that's the raison d'être for the entire evening! **Outstanding Dinner . . . Celebrity guests . . . Gambling tables . . . Sparkling entertainment . . .** Music by **RNY (Wiskin)** & the magic of **Dan & Dan . . . Star Time '89** . . . Don't miss it. See you there. We hope to raise over **$4,000,000.00.** . . . Some more of the nice people who I met during 1988 who also happen to be faithful readers: **Jonathan Kirshblum, Carole Slavens, Ellen Chenaux, Lou Goodman, Arthur Dropkin, Ben Prossin, the Mark Friedmans & the Borsooks** at Cirque du Soleil where we also met **Howie** from **Echo Advertising, Mr. T.,** and **Thor Fonda** (Jane's son)...the last two have only read my column once!...also **Judy Noyek,** and **Don Rafelman, U.J.A. chairman,** who called me for my 1989 pledge. One person I always enjoy seeing is **Judge Philip Givens** & it's usually at some lecture & he always asks me how the ale is flowing at the Pub!! Great, **Phil**...thanks!!...Nice having **Renee Bernstein** as my passenger the other morning. She was headed to the Metro Convention Centre & I took her on a tour of old Jewish Toronto (**Stephen Speisman** would have been proud). She told me about her son's engagement & his work in landscape architecture. I showed her **Peter Nygard's** new building, the **Skydome** & the **Wheat Sheaf.** Great fan...lovely lady. **Leon,** give me a call & book a similar tour!!

Les Misérables

Broadway's **best musical** is coming to Toronto! The opening gala is set for **March 7th, 1989** at the venerable Royal Alexandra Theatre. A standing ovation to all my friends who are supporting **Shaare Zedek Hospital** by purchasing the hottest ticket in town. They will be seeing **LES MISÉRABLES**—the music senation...that fills the spirit...dazzles the eye and sings!!! Now hear this! **A VERY SPECIAL OFFER**...get terrific upper balcony seats...**$50.00 each. Buy five and we will give you a sixth ticket absolutely free.** And you'll know you will be helping the **Sara & Al Waxman Centre** for Maternal and Fetal Medicine at **Shaare Zedek Medical Centre** — Jerusalem's "Hospital with a Heart" **Run to your phone and call 781-3584.** A lovely lady named **Shirley** or **Judy** or **Sheila** will take your order...but telephone today before this offer ends. Remember to **call 781-3584.** and show you care...about the best in musicals...and about the critically needed medical services available to all the people of Israel. I think I'll call **Sheila Dropkin** (our lovely National Executive Director) before this column appears and order a dozen more tickets so some of the hardworking staff at **Variety Village** can be there March 7th and meet **you.** And while we're thinking about **Shaare Zedek** I must correct a mistake made in my last column. Our beloved president **Harvey Solursh** is married to the beautiful and talented **Renee.** (I don't even know anybody named **Rose.**)...or do I?...I am pleased to support the fine work of the **Toronto Jewish Congress** and appreciate hearing from its fine president, **Herb Rosenfeld.** Herb, as you know, I'm on the board of the **Toronto Jewish Assistance Service** and so we are neighbours at 4600 Bathurst St. My mandate is to make our Jewish community more aware of the fine work of **T.J.A.S.** in assisting the disadvantaged with non-interest bearing loans for education, new businesses and personal emergency needs. We have been interviewing a lot of Soviet Jews & helping them as well as other needy folks...While you are reading this column, about 700 supporters of Israel (470 from Toronto & 230 from Montreal) are in Israel as much-appreciated tourists. This **"Unity Mission to Israel"** was put together by the **Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region), Toronto Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith** & the **Canadian Zionist Federation.** Congratulations! Great idea! **Israel needs tourists now more than ever.** Let's show our solidarity...

Future Column

As a member of the **Canadian Club,** I was extremely proud to hear **World Jewish Congress President Edgar M. Bronfman** (Canadian born) speak recently at one of our regular Royal York luncheons. He called upon the Western world to "give Mikhail Gorbachev a chance" to put his reforms into effect. On a recent trip to Russia, Bronfman met Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze, who assured him of the Soviet Union's intention to ease human rights restrictions. The teaching of Hebrew will no longer be forbidden in the Soviet Union. In related news, your ubiquitous columnist had lunch with the likes of **Ron Kanter, M.P.P., Jules Kronis, Paul Bentley** (Amnesty Int'l), **Max Schecter, Bert Raphael, Q.C., Ben Prossin, Malka Rosenberg** and **The Hon. Monte Kwinter** — who was speaking to us about **"Dealing with the Soviets."** I will tell you more about this fine talk plus others I attended featuring **Ben Prossin** and **Jeanette Goldman** in a FUTURE COLUMN.

Memories

Did I ever tell you about a terrific craft shop I frequent called **"A Show of Hands"?** It's a great place to shop but it holds special meaning for me because of the two wonderful owners. Firstly **Karen Morton & her hubby Paul** (Global T.V.) are so supportive of anything to do with Variety Village & the Variety Club. Secondly, **Joyce Spiegel** (nee Silver) was in my grade 11 class at Vaughan...the nicest class of all time for me. Joyce surely doesn't look that old. It was in 1954 and I was moving with my folks from Rushton Rd. & St. Clair to a new home on Stormont Ave. I was very sad about leaving such nice friends like Howie Spillman, Zeta Hertzman, Joyce, Noreen Freeman (with whom I've remained close for 34 years) & Shelly Vogel. (There are others whose faces I can picture but whose names escape me for the moment). They were kind enough to plan a surprise party for me. It had to be cancelled because **Hurricane Hazel** struck on Oct. 15, 1954.

And a hearty Mazel tov to **Sam & Esther Berkel** on their daughter **Naomi's** Bat Mitzvah recently at Adath Israel. I had the pleasure of sitting in front of the **Harry Brown** family who prayed so beautifully...(Harry, your tallis and tefillin club experience showed...)A special thanks to **Natalie Sobel,** youth director & to **Shoshana Cohen** & **David Sonenberg** on befriending my twin sons, **Andrew & Matthew** and making them feel so welcome at the Children's Shabbat morning program. My sons will be joining me each Shabbat at **Adath Israel...**I'm sorry I couldn't attend the **TODA** reception given by the **State of Israel Bonds** at the Sheraton Center. I was very pleased to learn that **Allan Silber** has been appointed Chairman of State of Israel Bonds, Toronto. **Larry Waller** is the Executive Director who is ably assisted by fine people like **Esther Berkle** & **Ruth Schwartz.** I'll bring you some more Bond news soon...I've touched on the **Negev Dinner** and I will tell you more about the fine work of **Irving Gerstein, Ken Field, Alan Posluns, Col. Yehoshua Bar-Am** and a meeting at my home), **Douglas Bassett, Ron Appleby, Marvin Kates, Albert Mandel, Lew Moses, Paul Slavens, Hetty Nathan** and **Yehuda Danzig**...Also, I will let you in on what's being planned by **Maccabi Canada & Martin Atkins** (& about his star football career), **Sid Greenberg & Jeff Engel** to get ready for the **Bar Mitzvah games** in 1989, in Israel of Maccabiah.

I would especially like to thank **Steven B. Grossman, APR,** - the communications consultant - who is doing some great behind the scenes work for **Variety Village** and who has **helped Adath Israel Synagogue** embark on an extremely important and timely fundraising project — **R. O. O. T. S.** — call-letters for a project intended to **REAFFIRM OUR ONGOING TREE SOLIDARITY.** The project is exciting. The cause is just. The need is important. Support Project R. O. O. T. S.!!!**Judith & Bob Ross** (Green & Ross Tires) are the Chairpersons for the project which kicks off this week and runs until Israel's Independence Day, May 10. **J. N. F.'s Col. Bar-Am** was the guest speaker at our kick-off meeting at my home. He certainly is a terrific inspiration...And **Harry Rosen,** who sits on the Metro Toronto Convention & Visitors Association with me, was right. His Richmond St. store did have a 17/36 white shirt for me and genial assistant store manager Mark Lucas also picked out a new formal black & silver bow tie for me to wear with my tux to the **Variety Telethon Celebrity Black Tie Dinner on Jan. 28th.** On my way out of the store I bumped into two great accountants - **Al Lavine & Ron Steinberg,** who invited me to tour their offices in return for lunch at the Wheat Sheaf. I've always wanted to see **Harvey Hecker's** office so I'll be there in 1989. Ron, thanks for dropping by my Pub recently. I remember our days at Pape...and I'll tell you more about my "Surprise Party" scheduled for June 17th 1989...when I turn 50 years of age, and ask Al how he got an American League umpires cap.

***Jerry Borins** is the genial host & proprietor (since 1969) of The Wheat Sheaf Tavern — Toronto's oldest & best loved Pub since 1849. Jerry was recently elected to the national Board of Directors of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. In December, 1988, Jerry was appointed to the Board of Governors of Adath Israel Synagogue and will chair the Shule's fundraising committee for the next two years. We wish Jerry & Harriet well in 1989!.*

ESPOSITO
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Scotty Morrison, former NHL referee, is the current head of the **Hockey Hall of Fame.** Here he is pictured presenting **Jerry Borins** with a signed limited edition **"Tony Esposito"** jersey. Jerry had the winning bid at a recent auction, proceeds of which went to assist children's charities. This jersey #35 was **retired** by the Chicago Blackhawks on Nov. 20th! Tony Esposito is now in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Everybody knows where Jerry is!

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Organizations and People

40 members and growing in Alpha Epsilon Pi

Jewish fraternity reappears on Winnipeg campus

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

After an absence of several years, a Jewish fraternity is reappearing on the Winnipeg university scene.

Ron Rothstein, a 2nd-year Arts student at the University of Manitoba, is spearheading a drive to re-establish an Alpha Epsilon Pi chapter on campus.

Rothstein reports Alpha Epsilon Pi was established in 1913 at New York University and now has 50,000-55,000 members at 110 campuses across North America. There are other Canadian chapters at UBC, Western Ontario, the University of Toronto and York.

"There used to be at least three Jewish fraternities at the University of Manitoba," Rothstein noted, "but, with the growth of liberal sentiment in the 1960s and 70s, the whole idea of fraternities became unpopular.

"In the more conservative 1980s, fraternities are back in style. There are five other fraternities and four sororities locally now with two other new ones started this fall."

Rothstein was approached to form an Alpha Epstein Pi "colony" in Winnipeg by longtime friends and former Winnipeggers Alan Sector (president of the U of T chapter) and Danny Bubis.

"It was scary at first," said Rothstein. "I didn't know how to go about it. But it was pretty easy. I didn't realize how much interest there was."

Rothstein first approached his friends and it grew from there. "We tried to keep it low key until we had built a big enough group," he said. "We have 40 members now and hope to have 60 by early in the new year. To everyone's surprise, we are the strongest of the three new colonies (the others are in Memphis and UCLA) started this year."

The new fraternity has had one very successful social so far. "We sold out," said Rothstein. "It was better than expected." It supplied the ushers for the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre production of Lies My Father Told Me. ("We plan on doing other volunteer work in the community," said Rothstein.")

In the new year, Rothstein reports, the group is planning on getting initiated, perhaps by the chapter at the University of Wisconsin, and the members are looking for a house.

"We are going to try to start a Jewish sorority in 1989, too," he said.

Horovitz wins major scholarship

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

The first recipient of the Allen Lambert Scholarship in the faculty of administrative studies at York University is Abba Horovitz, a former Ner Israel Yeshiva student in Toronto.

The scholarship was set up with a $125,000 endowment by the Trilon Financial Corp. in honor of its retiring chairman, Allen Lambert to mark his "significant contribution over many years of Canada's public and private sector," says a York spokesman.

Horovitz, 23, who studied for two years in Israel, graduated with a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Yeshiva University in New York this past June.

The former NCSY advisor received the $5,000 award for being the top entering Master of Business Administration student; an award that is renewable in the second year of the program if Horovitz maintains a high academic standing.

Horovitz said that he was in a "complete state of shock and disbelief" when he was first told he was the recipient, a month after the school year had started.

He was recently honored at a private luncheon held by faculty deans and Trilon executives for being the top new MBA student and winning the scholarship.

Horovitz is considering potential careers in small business investment and finance, with the possibility of working in Israel.

Baycrest Centre gets U of T teaching status

TORONTO —

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care has become a fully affiliated teaching institution of the University of Toronto, the Centre has announced.

"This is an exciting association for the University of Toronto and our Centre," says Stephen Rudin, Baycrest executive director and chief executive officer. "I think it recognizes both the growing importance of geriatric care and Baycrest Centre's unique resources and expertise in this area."

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, which recently celebrated its 70th anniversary of providing care to an elderly population, includes Baycrest Hospital, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest Terrace, Baycrest Day Care Service for Seniors and the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre.

"It is a special moment to welcome Baycrest Centre into the University of Toronto family," says Dr. John Dirks, dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. "The Centre's outstanding reputation in clinical and community care of the elderly is exceptionally high."

"Baycrest Centre has always been involved in the teaching of students from several universities and community colleges," says Rudin. "This year alone we have more than 200 undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students from various health care disciplines undertaking part of their training with us.

"The opportunity of a collaborative effort between Baycrest Centre and the University of Toronto will also allow us to work together in mutual areas of interest without unnecessary duplication of research," Rudin adds.

"This will enable us to expand our understanding of the health problems of the elderly and enable us to provide even better care throughout the health care field."

Pincus Outreach coordinator named

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, has announced the appointment of Sol Jakubowicz as coordinator of the Pincus Outreach Program and an assistant in the community services department.

Jakubovicz, 24, is a graduate of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and holds a BA in sociology from York University.

His primary responsibility will be to coordinate the next Pincus Program, which brings together about 30 Jewish teenagers from outlying regions in Ontario and attempts to strengthen their Jewish identities through programs, ongoing educational projects and twice-yearly kallahs (conclaves). In two or three years, the program will culminate in a trip to Israel.

Sol Jakubowicz

Jakubowicz spent a year in Israel in 1986-87 under Toronto Jewish Congress's Project Otzma. He then worked at Canadian Universities Bureau, coordinating all on-campus Zionist activities in Toronto with Network and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Jakubowicz will also be assisting in Ontario Region's community services department, which carries out needs assessments and implements Jewish programming in the province's outlying areas.

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Mr. Monson was also active in the development of theatres across Canada and was a partner, and corporate and in-house Counsel of the Canadian Theatres Group, later Canadian Odeon Theatres, one of the forerunners of Cineplex Odeon.

Mr. Monson will continue to focus his consulting practice on strategic planning, and will work with the firm's real estate group to bring an additional resource to clients involved in land assembly, real estate development, financing, syndication and leasing.

Perley-Robertson, Panet, Hill & McDougall is a full service law firm with offices in Ottawa and Kanata, Ontario, and in Washington, D.C. U.S.A. Daniel Monson may be reached at the firm's Ottawa office, located at 99 Bank Street, Ottawa, K1P 6C1, Telephone (613) 238-2022.

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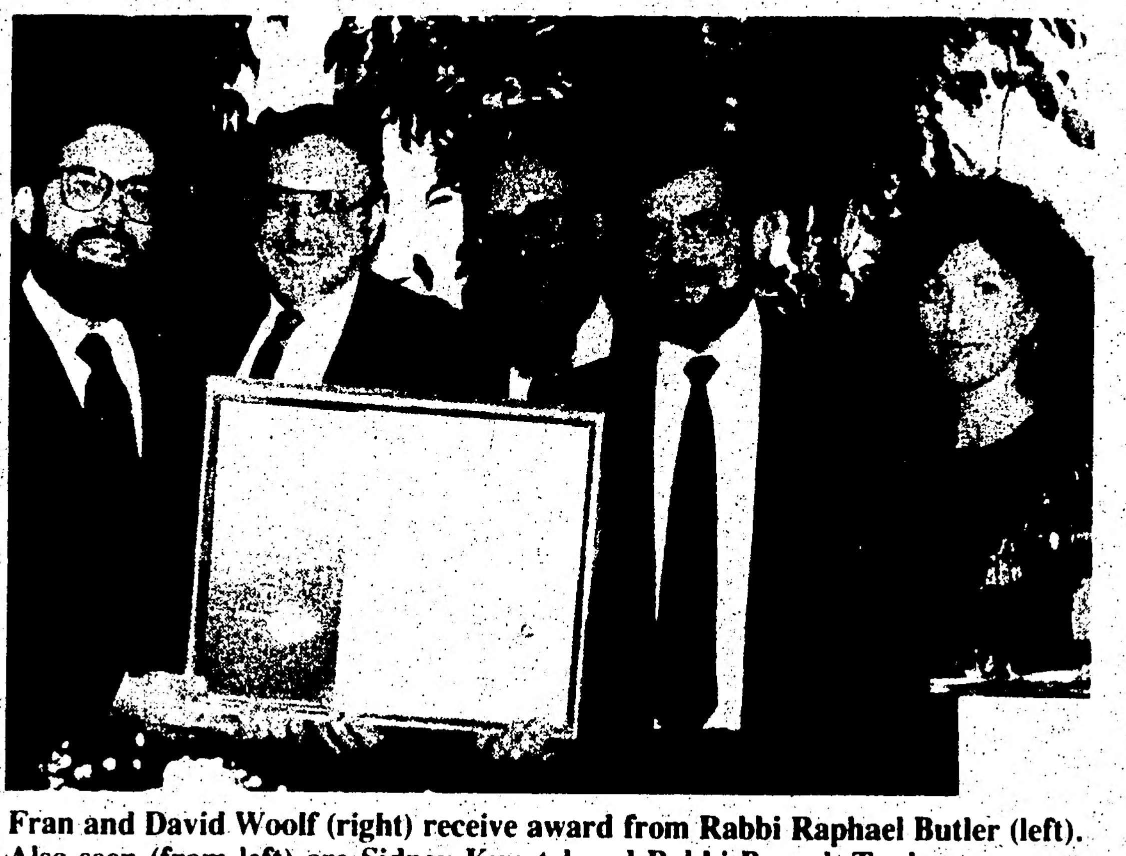
Chai celebrated

NCSY tribute reviews its accomplishments

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

THORNHILL, Ont. — The National Conference of Synagogue Youth gave itself a symbolic pat on the back recently with its gala Chai (18th anniversary) tribute dinner held at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

Over 500 people heard staff, teenage members and lay leaders praise the organization, which is the youth arm of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, for 18 years of instilling Ontario youth with enthusiasm and pride in Jewish observance.



Fran and David Woolf (right) receive award from Rabbi Raphael Butler (left). Also seen (from left) are Sidney Kwestel and Rabbi Baruch Taub.

Sidney Kwestel, president of the Orthodox Union, told about the many activities of NCSY, such as its library, classes, and trips to Israel. "Our youngsters see life as filled with joy and hope, not anguish, like so many of today's youth."

He also singled out Canadian executive director Rabbi Nosson Westreich for his leadership. "Thousands of youngsters have taken their first steps towards observance under his guidance," he said.

Kwestel noted the success of NCSY's programs for those with special needs, such as the hearing impaired and the mentally and physically handicapped.

Kwestel presented NCSY's community development award to Hamilton Rabbi Morton Green, not only for helping found NCSY in Canada, but for his work in establishing Orthodox institutions in Hamilton, such as Adas Israel Synagogue, the mikvah, and the day school.

In accepting the award, Green urged the audience to maintain their dedication to Orthodox principles, like "Jacob, who, after having the honor of having his name changed by God nevertheless maintained his personality and commitment."

He also jokingly reminisced that in the 1960's, when NCSY started, the hub of youth activity was Hamilton, not, as it is today, Toronto.

Rabbi Baruch Taub, a former executive director of NCSY, and now spiritual leader of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, stressed the importance of reaching out to other Jews with the message of Torah.

"That is what NCSY is: it is in the forefront of the teshuva (return to observance) movement. It never compromised Halacha, the study of Torah or the observance of mitzvot, yet it welcomed every Jewish boy and girl."

Taub had special words of praise for honorees Joseph Tanenbaum and brothers Mordechai Ambar and Ouzi and Simon Anbar, who "have been successful in the world of commerce, but realize that their success is only a key to providing spiritual nourishment to others."

Ouzi Anbar, responding on behalf of his brothers, said that their philanthropic activities, which include donating a library to the NCSY headquarters on Bathurst St., are a way of honoring their parents and their brother Benny, who fell during the Six Day War. "In his memory, we share with society whatever we receive. That is our responsibility, as it is the responsibility of everyone."

Tanenbaum, in a voice choked with emotion, praised the work of NCSY and pledged to continue his support of it.

NCSY national director Rabbi Raphael Butler presented Fran and David Woolf with an award for their pioneering work in establishing NCSY in Ontario. David Woolf, now chairman of the Canadian Region of NCSY, said he was "most honored" to receive the award, along with his wife Fran, who "always kept open house for NCSYers."

In honor of the occasion, the Woolfs sponsored a special printing of the Artscroll siddur, which was handed out to dinner participants.

A highlight of the evening was a slide show illustrating the many activities of NCSY, and brief speeches describing their participation in various programs from teenagers Veronica Rossman (Free Torah High School), Marty Halser (Jerusalem Experience), Jacob Levitt (Camp NCSY East) and Bram Portnoy (Jewish Overseas Leadership Training).

Portnoy's mother, Susan, told The CJN that Bram is one of only two Canadian teens going to Russia with an NCSY leadership team group (the other is fellow Montrealer Joshua Joseph, son of Rabbi Howard Joseph and lecturer Norma Joseph), and goes to many different cities to talk about such topics as Holocaust denial.

Dinner chairman was Lawrence Cherniak, Canadian vice-president of the Orthodox Union, who welcomed the guests and acted as master of ceremonies.

Distinguished guests included Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson, York Regional Councillors David Chapley and Michael Di Biase, MP Robert Kaplan, Alderman Ben Nobelman, Toronto Rabbis David Shochet, Yitzchak Kerzner, Moshe Stern, Avishai David, Henry Hoschander, Menachem Gopin, Eliot Feldman, Akiva Stefansky and Raphael Marcus, and Rabbis Meyer Berglas, Sholom Gold, Nosson Kamenetsky and Yaakov Ackerman, now living in Israel.

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Light thrown on theologian

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO — Abraham Joshua Heschel's social activism was based on his religious convictions, says Prof. Susannah Heschel, daughter of the famed Conservative rabbi and author.

Heschel explained that, though in the U.S. there is a tradition of social activism among rabbis and other religious Jews, such involvement is not seen as a commandment.

"But that's exactly how my father saw it — as a commandment," said Heschel, who spoke recently at Beth Tikvah synagogue. She spoke in the second in a series of seven lectures sponsored by Beth Tikvah on Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Heschel, who died in 1972, was a professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary and the author of numerous books of Jewish theology, most notably, God in Search of Man.

Heschel's social activism led him to become involved with the anti-Vietnam War movement and the civil rights movement and he marched arm-in-arm with Martin Luther King Jr.

"I think it was important for people to see someone like my father with a beard and yarmulke marching in a demonstration," said Dr. Heschel.

Heschel said that her father was inspired by the prophets. According to Abraham Heschel, "A prophet is someone who suffers for other people . . . who brings a measure of compassion," she said. "When I injure someone, I injure God — that's the central message of the prophets, according to my father."

Heschel explained that her father was strongly influenced by the Jewish mystical traditions, in which God is understood as affected by human action. In the mystical tradition, she said, God needs the mitzvot performed by man. "My father made mysticism central," she said.

Heschel said that her father "wrote from the heart." She said, "When he wrote about the Sabbath, he was writing about his experience of the Sabbath which my mother created in our home."

When asked by a member of the audience about her father's views on women and religion, Heschel replied, "I never argued with my parents about those issues." Heschel, who teaches at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, edited a book called, On Being a Jewish Feminist: A Reader.

Heschel said that when she was growing up, she had a bat mitzvah, was given aliyas, was counted in minyans and when she was trying to decide what to do with her life, it was her father who suggested she apply to rabbinical school.

Sylvia Heschel, Abraham Heschel's wife, was also in attendance and said a few brief words about her husband.

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Nava Jakubovicz, a psycho-educational consultant at Jewish Vocational Services, works with young client.

Psychological and educational assessments are done through a variety of tests which measure various skills and aptitudes. These tests are generally not school-like and children usually enjoy the process. Depending on the number of tests administered and the age of the child, an assessment can take anywhere from three to six hours.

Before turning to the JVS, parents are advised to consult their family physician to rule out any medical problems that may be affecting their child's development. If no medical cause is found, a psycho-educational assessment can provide valuable information on the difficulties.

Although public school boards offer assessment through their own psychology departments and service is available through JVS at many Hebrew day schools, parents might prefer to arrange a private assessment.

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Designer Maryke Van Oosten has created a line of striking outerwear that features fabrics and a 100% cotton liner. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

Designer into outerwear

By
MARIE MOORE

Born in Montreal, raised in Ottawa, apprenticed in Halifax and polished in Europe, Maryke Van Oosten has a lot of miles to her credit.

She also has a 3-year fashion design program diploma from St. Lawrence College on the odometer.

Working as a designer for a children's clothing label (Morgan & Tiffany), after she had completed school, helped Van Oosten establish her interest in tots. She began 'moonlighting' with youngsters clothes which she sold at some craft shows, shortly after her designing career began.

After a year or so, Van Oosten was hooked on the craft show venue. She decided to travel to Europe in order to research the extensive craft show network there and picked up a few ideas on product development. Her experiences reaffirmed an interest in outerwear/sportswear clothes and it wasn't long before she returned to Ottawa to establish a home-based operation.

Van Oosten began with kids' outerwear. She enjoys the challenges of implementing new ideas into the line. For example, her junior coats are cut with removable hoods and extra long sleeves for a longer life.

Slowly but surely, Van Oosten introduced adult sizes into her collection. She currently produces about 80% of her line in adult sizes.

Quality is her hallmark. Outerwear is all lined with a 100% cotton fabric, pre-laundered to avoid shrinkage and skin irritation. The cotton is breathable, so it's also much more comfortable.

"It doesn't sit on your skin like cold, wet nylon if you happen to perspire when you wear it!"

The outerwear has gradually focused on skiwear and Van Oosten's new thinsulate liner makes many of her garments ideal for downhill skiing as well as other cold weather sports. They also provide her customers with a unique fashion flair that's as much fun as it is practical.

"I use a lot of color, usually combining at least three different shades."

Water — repellent fabrics are in turquoise, royal blue, coral, imperial purple, forest green and navy solids with matching or complementing cotton-lined pants, hats and headbands.

The spring collection will include hiking shorts, sporty tops and casual pants as well as the outerwear grouping. Some of the rainproof coats and jackets will have a slightly less sporty look, but will remain functional and comfortable.

All of the fabric that Van Oosten uses, is made in Canada. That includes her lining materials too. Her goods are not available in retail outlets here, but she does have a small outlet which operates under her company name, Yijkie, in Ottawa.

Van Oosten will attend the One-of-a-Kind Craft Show this spring. It will mark her second exhibit at the show.

She considers herself fortunate in that she is able to combine the three aspects of her lifestyle that she most enjoys in her career pursuits. An avid sports fan who loves children and fashion, her clothes really do reflect all of her favorites.

Van Oosten admits that she has been approached by prospective retailers in the Toronto area, but her goals do not include expanding. Rather than increase the quantity of her products on the market, she would rather meet the needs of her particular clients who rely on her for quality and originality.

The average price of her thinsulate-lined adult jacket is $265. The smaller sizes retail for $139. Cotton-lined jackets are considerably less. Adults will pay up to $165 while juniors will only spend $95. Pants hover around the $100 mark for men and women.

Van Oosten says she was pleased with the positive response she received in Toronto.

"I believe that people responded to the unique, one-of-a-kind qualities that my jackets offer. Having bought a Maryke Van Oosten design, they can be confident that they are not going to run into the same thing on a nearby street corner. That's kind of nice, don't you think?"

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Fashion

Maritime knitting firm noted for quality product

By
MARIE MOORE

Cumberland County Knitters started production in 1981 when Dick Ratcliffe decided to open a modest cottage industry in his hometown of Wallace, N.S. He was looking for a new career focus that would allow him to expand beyond his 40 year history in a bureaucratic system.

"I spent 25 years in the navy and then another five at St. Mary's University as the director of residences. After that, I was a consultant for the Council of Maritime Premiers. I saw the horizon creeping up on me and I wanted to do my own thing for a change, so I did!

"This particular industry appealed to me because it appeared to be a viable concept that would demonstrate the knitting skills of the Maritime craftsman," he said.

"The quality of our wool is the best. It's Canadian, just like our employees. Briggs & Little 100% virgin wool yarns are made in Harvey Station, N.B."

The technical skills of Ratcliffe's 110 knitters (about 75 of them are full-time) also lend to the quality of Cumberland County's product. The group is directed by specific pattern and color guides from Dick and his wife, Pat, as well as the company's production coordinator, Shawna Sonier, who takes over while the Ratcliffes are out-of-town at craft shows.

That meant manning home base during Toronto's Sportsman's Show in March, Hamilton's Festival of Friends Show in August and Toronto's Specialty Needlecraft Show at the Canadian National Exhibition last October.

"From my own point of view, I get a distinct pleasure from doing craft shows where I can come face-to-face with the consumer. We get excellent feedback on our product line and many constructive suggestions like the zippered cardigan concept which we've incorporated into the collection, and the 'doggie sweater' novelty item which has actually become one of our best sellers."

Cumberland's Beth Whynacht and friend model a zippered cardigan and a doggie sweater, both of which feature the Fairisle print motif.

That dog sweater, which wholesales for $25 or $30, is sold at Holt Renfrew stores across Canada for considerably more. Although it started out as a bit of a lark, it now amounts to 1,500 units annually and is expected to double in production next year.

'People pieces' include an Anchor and Schooner pattern that is unique to the company, and the Fairisle prints that are acknowledged as the type of traditional Scottish fare (probably originating from the Hebrides) that have remained popular with home-weavers for centuries.

Craft show regulars love the Cumberland selection and for this reason, the Ratcliffes will continue to attend as many as possible.

This was the first time that the pair made it to the One-of-a-Kind Craft Show, but for many reasons, it will not be the last.

"I have come to recognize that our major market is Ontario. I think people here recognize the quality of crafts that come out of the Maritimes and we're able to bring merchandise here and show them what our workers can do at home, without any major concerns to contend with."

It's not as easy to achieve a profitable booth when the Ratcliffes take their wares to the United States.

"Last spring we travelled to Harrisburg, Penn. and found out the hard way that you have to pay 25% of the retail value on everything that passes through U.S. Customs. It's non-reclaimable, too, which means that you don't get a refund on the 25% you paid for goods which don't sell. We're hoping that the free trade deal will eliminate all that."

Back to Toronto's One-of-a-Kind project, Ratcliffe's comments were: "Great show! We're really looking forward to the next one. Until that time, you can find our knitted products at the 'Magnificent Maritimes' boutique in Harbourfront's Queen's Quay."

You might also notice Cumberland County Knitters in a feature article that is currently running in Country Living magazine.

Asked if he could foresee an increase in production — perhaps manufactured goods, he responded, "No, we won't go that far.

"We may add a few more knitters, or replace a few of our part-time crew with full-time workers, but that's as far as we'll go. We will definitely continue to do the same thing. We don't intend to get any bigger, because we're having too much fun and we like things just the way we are!"

Dick Ratcliffe, owner of Nova Scotia-based Cumberland County Knitters, wears a crew neck sweater featuring the Fairisle print motif. Ratcliffe, whose company employs more than 100 knitters across the province, has donned a matching toque. Beth Whynacht, one of Cumberland's knitters, models a navy anchor print sweater with matching mittens. (Marie-Josee Crete photos)

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Art Gallery of Ontario: *Walter Trier: A Celebration of Toys,* annual exhibition of rare antique toys, drawings and paintings, many whimsical and/or satirical, until Feb. 5. Sculptural and photo-textual works and installations by Ian Carr-Harris from 1971-77, through Feb. 5. Portrait drawings by Hans Holbein the Younger, from the collection of Her Majesty the Queen, offer considerable historical insight, continuing to Jan. 15. And, a special installation in memory of Gershon Iskowitz is featured until March 12. At 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

Bau-Xi: *Black and White,* selected paintings, drawings and sculpture by gallery artists using black and white in various ways. Jan. 10-29. 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Del Bello Gallery: Birgitta Zeuman, watercolors. Jan. 19 through Feb. 4. 363 Queen St. W. 593-0884.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: *Feminist Art in Manitoba,* works by seven women artists from that province. All will be present for the opening, 2-5 p.m. Jan. 7. On Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m., artist Lisa Steele will speak on the history of feminist art practice in Canada. Exhibition continues to Jan. 27. At 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

Fred Boedeker's Gallery: Northern British Columbia and Arctic watercolors by Nancy Wright, currently on view. *Two Women Show,* works by Gaye Hammond and Laurie Worrall, Jan. 26-Feb. 8. At 2257 Queen St. E. 691-6094.

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Gallery Moos: Alex Janvier, continues to Jan. 11. Selections by gallery artists, Jan. 14-Feb. 3. 136 Yorkville Ave. 922-0627.

Garnet Press Gallery: *Delphi,* an outdoor installation by Catherine Carmichael, to March 19. *Home Work,* group show by John Abrams, Janice Andreae, Jane Buyers, Natalka Husar, Margaret Lawther, Lisa Neighbor and Tom Slaughter. 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

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Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: *Of Sleep and Water,* large scale monotypes by Lorene Bourgeois; figurative sculpture by Edward Pien. Both from Jan. 2-28. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453..

Karney Daniels Gallery: Peter Aitkens, Marc Chagall, Joan Miro, Claude Pisarro, Rudy Sparkuhl, plus sculptors Misha Frid and Ernie Raab, through January. At 11 Yorkville Ave. 964-1122.

Koffler Gallery: *Tom Hodgson: A Major Exhibition,* organized by the Lynnwood Art Centre in Simcoe. A member of Painters Eleven, Hodgson is known particularly for his experimental work. In the Loggia Gallery, *Jack Pollock: Selected Works.* Both Jan. 24-Feb. 26. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Black paintings and drawings, Margery Edwards. Ceramic sculpture, Alexander Sorotschynski. Starting Jan. 14. 80 Spadina Ave. 2nd floor. 365-9515.

The Market Gallery: *Home Sweet Home Toronto,* photographs dating from the city's first brick houses to 1940s urban renewal. Continuing until Feb. 29. South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Art Collection: *Landmarks VII & VIII,* highlights Frederick Varley's Early Morning Sphinx Mountain and six sketches by Tom Thomson. To Jan. 22. Islington Ave., Kleinburg, Ont. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: a group show, Jan.7-Feb. 4. 22 Hazelton Ave. 964-8197.

Original Gallery: Handbuilt porcelain and white stoneware by Hanne Lawrence; hand done, hand painted wooden butterflies by Michel Dancause; working quartz clocks with hand-carved glass fronts by Eric Portelli. 8100 Yonge St. (around the corner). 764-3388.

Quan.Schieder Gallery: Group show by gallery artists, featuring Daniele Rochon, Barry McCarthy, Brian Marshall Schieder and Stephanie Rayner. Through January. At 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery: *The Diary Exhibition,* 16 contemporary Canadian artists express various experiences, Jan. 5-Feb. 19. *Durham Region Works,* a wide range by artists living or working in the Durham area, Jan. 12-Feb. 26. *Dance With Minutae: The Paintings of Dulcie Foo Fat, a retrospective of the Calgary artist's work from 1974-87, Jan. 19-March 5. Civic Centre, Oshawa. (416) 576-3000.*

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Yaneff Gallery: *Important Canadian Art,* L.L. Fitzgerald, J.E.H. MacDonald, Milne and more. Continues through Jan. At 119 Isabella St. 924-6677.

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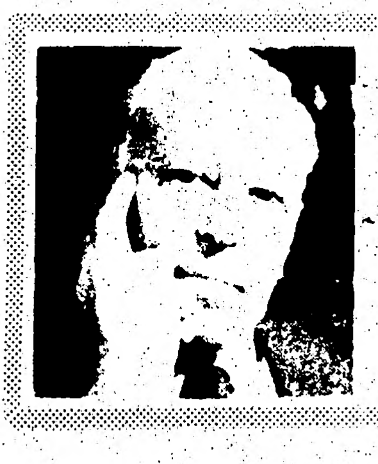
Toronto author looks at modern Israel



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Garden and the Gun: A Journey Inside Israel. By Erna Paris. Lester & Orpen Denys, $15.95 (paperbound).

After visiting a kibbutz which no longer resembled the ideal form of group living that its founders had envisaged, Erna Paris of Toronto, the author of this absorbing book of reportage, writes. "It was so human. They had dreamed of a perfect society, but things hadn't worked out quite that way. What could be harder, I wondered, than to redesign a dream?"

This evaluation of the kibbutz is pretty much the author's appraisal of all of modern Israel: much of the vision is becoming tarnished, the substance of the dream is leaking away.

Eager to observe and understand the "real" Israel — beyond the propaganda and counter-propaganda — she journeyed throughout the country, talked to a variety of persons and experienced, at first-hand, the many-sided, contradictory, turbulent nature of the Jewish state.

At an academy in Jerusalem for female "returnees to the faith" she was disturbed to hear from a woman teacher that women's brains were "insight-oriented" and not analytical like men's. Therefore they were inadequate for Torah study." Women were biologically unsuited for professional careers.

Male chauvinism in many forms surprised Paris, as did ultra-Orthodox opinions and beliefs that repudiated the modern world. At a Sabbath table in Mea Shearim she was regarded as the enemy, a "Greek-corrupted unnatural female and a travesty of a Jew."

Paris was disturbed. She had always believed that the Jewish spirit depended on collective and individual ethics rather than on the trappings of ritual.

In Kiryat Arba, near Hebron, settled by the Gush Emunim movement, she interviewed Miriam Levinger, the wife of the rabbi and leader of the group. Indomitable and unperturbed by the tensions and turmoil of Arab resistance, Mrs. Levinger asserted, "We came here because God told us to come and we stay because that is what He ordained. We are the vanguard . . . We are safer here than in the Diaspora." The author comments wryly that the physical safety of the Levingers and their followers didn't depend entirely on God's will, but on the soldiers who guarded them at public expense.

The author was dismayed at the depth of antagonism and the degree of intolerance that she discovered among Jewish religious groups. A recent public opinion poll had disclosed that 40% of those questioned answered "no" to the proposal, "Should Reform and Conservative Jews have the same recognition as the Orthodox?"

Meron Benvenisti, longtime expert on the West Bank who can trace his Jerusalem roots back to the 16th century, was pessimistic about Arab-Jewish relations. He does not see how the civil war can be resolved. "The whole basis for this conflict is the belief of each side that it alone has the right to be here. That entrenched logic operates for Israelis and for Palestinians. We are mirror images of each other. Nothing has changed in 40 years."

Whether she is attending a wedding ceremony, visiting Yad Vashem or interviewing a Moroccan cab driver, the author offers her distinctive insights, impressions and feelings. Undoubtedly, her liberal outlook on religion, and her attitude toward politics and feminism have much to do with some of her conclusions.

She ends her book on this note: "I am convinced there will be other intifadas, with graver and graver consequences, until a just compromise is reached — one that recognizes the legitimate security of Israel and the national aspirations of both Jews and Palestinians . . . until that day arrives, Israel will remain the country of The Garden and the Gun."

Scholars examine Jewish thought

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The complexity and sophistication of Jewish thought and belief are detailed in two modern hard cover classics newly republished by Jason Aronson Inc. The pair complement each other, forming a comprehensive, scholarly, but never intimidating, unit.

Julius Guttmann's *The Philosophy of Judaism* (US$35) spans the diversity of philosophic thought from Judaized Hellenism to the Kant-influenced writings of Moritz Lazarus and Herman Cohen and the spiritual individuality explored by Franz Rosenzweig. This represents a period of some 2,000 years in which Jewish philosophers adopted and also influenced principles of Greek, Islamic, medieval, and enlightenment thought.

Discussed are the works of, among others: scientist-physician Saadia; neoplatonists Solomon ibn Gabirol, Bahya ibn Pakuda, and Judah Halevi; Aristotelians Abraham ibn Daud and Moses Maimonides, and their opponents; Moses Mendelssohn, the first Jewish modernist philosopher; and Nachman Krochmal, a founder of the 19th century German academic approach to Judaism.

In many cases, as Guttmann points out, Gentile philosophies were initially forced on Jewish thinkers. They were compelled to publicly dispute hostile clerics throughout medieval times, and later to provide the philosophic worth of Judaism in the royal courts and academe of enlightenment Europe. They proved themselves apt pupils.

Guttmann, professor of the scientific study of Judaism in Berlin from 1919 to 1934, was professor of Jewish philosophy at the Hebrew University from 1934. He died in 1950.

The English translation of Guttmann's work was first published in 1964.

The new volume of some 500 pages bears its scholarship well, with footnotes relegated to their own section in the back. David Silverman's translation is masterful, one of the clearest and easiest to read presentations of sometimes complex philosophic thoughts. This, the good sturdy binding, and attractive cover comprise a volume with a long physical and intellectual lifespan.

Louis Jacob's *Principles of Jewish Faith* (US$35) details Judaism's credo. As articulated by Maimonides some 500 years ago, these 13 principles are largely accepted by traditional Judaism as the pillars of Jewish belief.

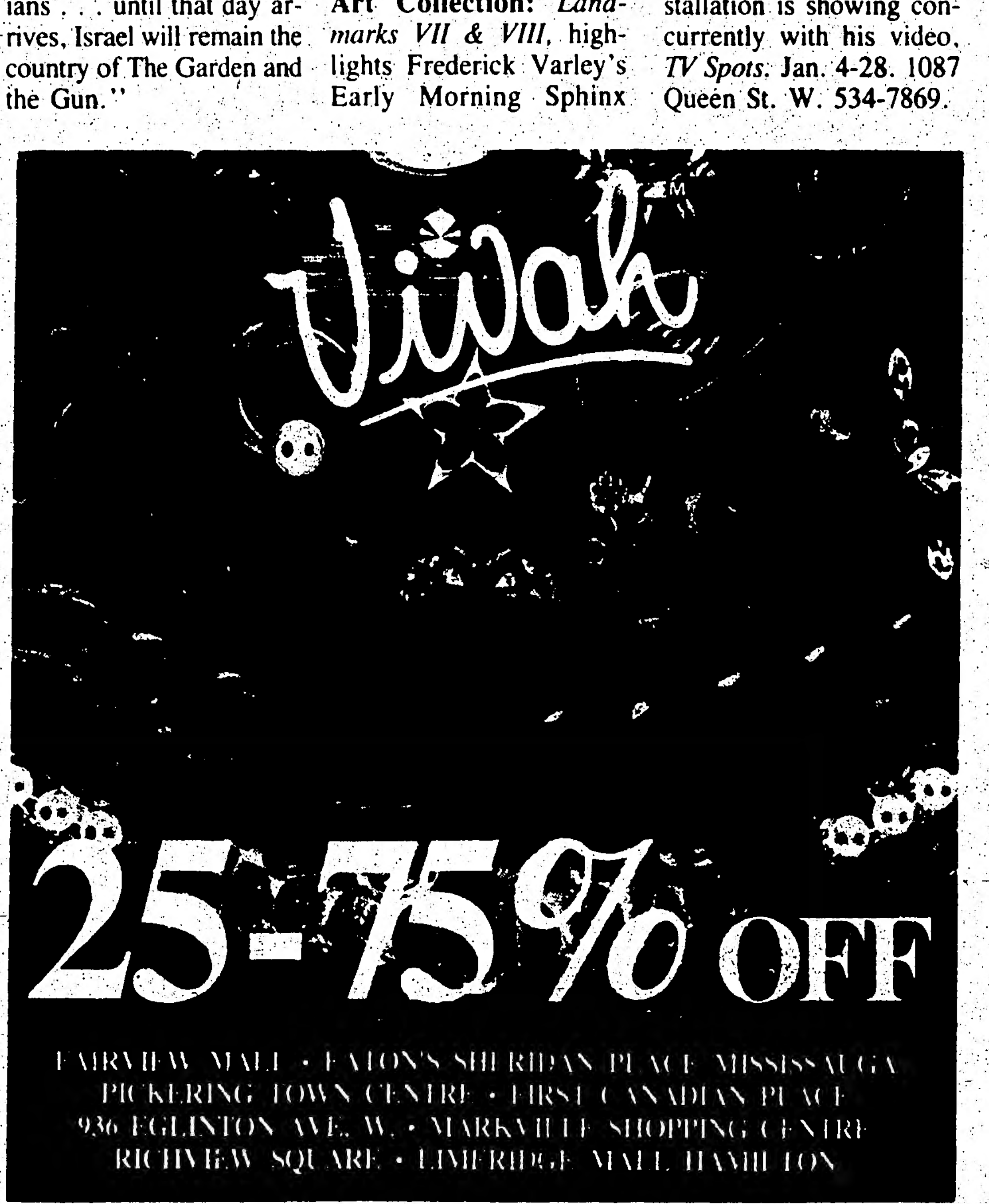
Judaism believes in: the existence of God; God's unity; His incorporeality; His eternalness; the worship of God alone; the message of true prophecy; the supremacy of Moses among prophets that ever lived or will live; the Divine origin of the Torah, first five books of the Bible; the immutability of Torah laws and principles; God's awareness of man's every deed and thought; reward and punishment; the coming of the Messiah; and the resurrection of the dead at the end of days. This credo is stated every morning in the shacharit prayers.

Jacobs draws on the Bible, midrashim (homilies), aggadot (legends), the Talmud, mysticism, historical chronicles, and general literature and philosophy to create a unique elaboration of the principles.

Rabbi Jacobs, longtime spiritual leader of England's New London Synagogue, has published numerous books on the Jewish faith.

One example of the book's sophistication is Rabbi Jacobs' use of a metaphor by mystery novelist Dorothy Sayers to illustrate the possibility that immortality or eternity lies outside time. Immortality, she suggests, could be less like taking a novel's characters into a second instalment of the book and more like removing them "from the whole realm of the novel into the realm of its Author."

The reason the world to come is not discussed by the prophets in the Bible, suggests 16th-century mystical Rabbi Judah Lowe of Prague, is because they speak only from their own experiences. Sages and scholars do speak of it, he says, because "the human mind, unlike the prophetic faculty, is capable of reaching out for truth beyond itself."



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You don't even have to think

Lightweight comedy fluff antidote to January blahs

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

If you're in the mood for fun, I can recommend three lightweight comedy trifles currently available that will help you escape from the January blahs.

The shows are not exactly terrific. But neither are they tiresome. I'd rank them somewhere in between — pleasantly diverting crowd-pleasers.

The lady seated behind me at one of these commercial pieces of fluff summed up its content incisively: "You know why this show is just my speed? Because the gags are so obvious, I don't have to think."

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The least cerebral of the three is *Wally's Cafe*, running until Jan. 22 at the Stage West Dinner Theatre (5400 Dixie Rd., 238-0042).

It's a 3-act farce by Sam Bobrick and Ron Clark, the New York writing team responsible a few seasons ago for the mildly amusing spoof of homosexuality, *Norman, Is That You?*

This time around, their farce should have been titled, after its two so-called stars, *Mr. Chip Cruncher Meets Miss Bust Developer.*

The male star is Avery Schreiber, a tubby graduate of the Chicago Second City improvisational troupe, who is better known on TV commercials as "The Cruncher" for Doritos Corn Chips.

The female star is June Wilkinson, a Junoesque graduate of the mammary gland school of acting, who at 17 was dubbed "The Bosom" by Hugh Hefner, because she had displayed her buxom charms more often than any other female in Playboy Magazine. More recently, she is better known as the zoftig exemplar on TV commercials for the Mark Eden Bust Developer.

The 3-character comedy is essentially a nonsensical triangle, involving Schreiber and his wife (U.S. comedienne Cynthia Wood) trying vainly to run a hamburger stand in the Mojave Desert, with Wilkinson as a waitress enticing truck driver customers.

The single-entendre sex jokes about Wilkinson's shapely attributes become dismally repetitive in the first two acts, but the farce delivers a barrel of unexpected chuckles in the third act. The audience when I was present loved it all.

June Wilkinson (centre), Avery Schreiber and Cynthia Wood provide single entendre humor in Wally's Cafe, the sex farce at Stage West.

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Suds, running until Jan. 14 at the New Century Theatre (147 Danforth Ave., 872-1111), is as frothy as its title.

Imported from Off Broadway, with a Canadian cast of four singing hoofers, it's an amiable mix of musical soap opera and bubbly fantasy. It concerns a couple of persnickety angels dispatched from on high to offer guidance to a 16-year-old laundromat attendant, sorrowfully intent on drowning herself in a washing machine because she has been dumped by her male pen pal who scorns her handwriting.

That stringy story line is an excuse to hang out to wash 50 pop tunes of the 1960s, ranging from Jeff Barry's *Do Wah Diddy* to the Beatles' *We Can Work It Out.*

Ordinarily, I'd dismiss it as a clone of countless nostalgia revues with tunes strung together haphazardly.

But it's redeemed by the tongue-in-cheek humor of its exceptionally talented cast. They include Christopher Shyer, Stellina Rusich, and especially Charlotte Moore and Janet MacEwen as the two feuding angels.

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A Nightmare On Sussex Drive is the 28th satirical revue presented by Toronto's 15-year-old Second City troupe of improv jesters (running for an open-end engagement at the Old Firehall, 110 Lombard St., 863-1162).

Its last three revues were devoid of oomph, and struck me as totally mirthless. I'm happy to report, though, that the current edition has sharpened its wits considerably. I enjoyed six boffo belly laughs, nine jolly knee-slappers, and a dozen hearty guffaws.

The targets skewered include such topical subjects as the hijinks of the United Church, the lowjinks of Harold Ballard, the vogue for dirty dancing, and the inane red tape of unemployment insurance-type bureaucrats.

The sketches are written and performed by seven bright young farceurs, whose lampooning skill indicates they have the potential of becoming headliners as formidable as those other Old Firehall grads, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, John Candy and Eugene Levy. For the record, they are Neil Crone, Wendy Hopkins, Lindsay Leese, Colin Mochrie, Alana Shields, Tim Sims and Ryan Stiles.

And let's add a round of applause for the comic veteran billed as their "teaching director," Sheldon Patinkin.

P.S. In the wonky tradition of the Second City zanies, *A Nightmare On Sussex Drive* contains no skits whatsoever that spoof our rulers in Ottawa. Perhaps Prime Minister Brian Mulroney ought to catch this show, so that the poor beleaguered fellow can escape from his political *mishpocha* and temporarily forget his whopping, unilingual, Quebecois *mal de tete* (headache).

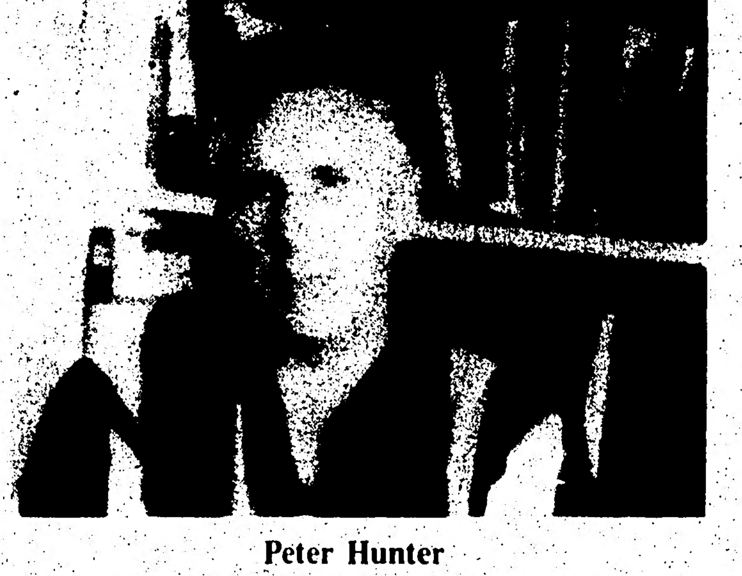
Leftist's disillusionment captured in memoirs

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Peter Hunter, an active leader in the Canadian anti-fascist movement, labor unions, and the Communist Party from the 1930s to the 1950s, recently published his memoirs of this period in history that few people have the courage to speak or write about.

While writing *Which Side Are You On Boys . . . Canadian Life on the Left*, (Lugus Productions Ltd., Toronto, $18.95, with a preface by Irving Abella), Hunter says he spent many years reflecting and soul searching.



Peter Hunter

His forthright and sensitive book melds history and autobiography. It candidly tells of Hunter's involvement and increasing disillusionment with the communist philosophy with the realization that the theories of Marx and Lenin did not bring the freedom they envisioned, but led to a deteriorating more cruel and unjust Stalinist regime.

Hunter says he worked with others to reform the movement, failed, and observing the decline of human rights and growing anti-semitism in Russia, he gradually moved away from the party, and eventually quit.

He says he was disappointed and "mistaken," in his estimation of the Communist Party, but he renewed his dedication to helping working men and women and fighting discrimination within the capitalistic framework.

Raised in a working class family in Hamilton, he was exposed to socialism as a child. During the Depression, he aligned himself with progressive movements, "because I wanted to help combat grinding poverty and the terrible conditions in sweatshops. I wanted to help confront the rise of fascism, the threat of Nazism, and the horrors of rampant anti-semitism."

Examining the initial success of Canadian radicalism, the Canadian labor movement, and his first-hand involvement in the Communist Party, Hunter provides a detailed look at the individuals who were carried into the ugly drama that permeated this period of history and the unfolding of events that turned good intentions into nightmares.

In his youth, Hunter was sent by the Communist party to the Lenin School in Moscow where he studied from 1935 to 1937. During his sea voyage in 1935, he met and later married Basya Zavin from Brooklyn, who was on her way to study the theatre in Moscow. Today, Basya Hunter is a well known and respected Canadian playwright and teacher.

"During the 30s, my actions were monitored by the RCMP — most of my mail was opened before delivery — yet supporters of Mussolini's fascist Casa d'Italia and German Bund groups operated openly in Canada.

"In 1937, despite the law, we picketed and demonstrated and pointed out the dangers ahead. In that year, Prime Minister Mackenzie King visited Hitler and praised him for the great constructive work he was achieving in Germany."

In the anti-fascist movement's call for help, recalls Hunter, "We gained the support of Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath of the Holy Blossom Temple and other Jewish community leaders.

Although he differed with the Communist Party at the start of the war, "for some time I didn't speak out. It was the inner discipline and control within the party that kept people like me quiet."

He broke ranks with the party when he enlisted and served overseas in the Canadian Army during World War II.

After his return to Canada, he became a union representative with several major unions. "My only regret after the war, is that I drifted back into a left-led trade union during the Cold War period."

Reflecting on the labor movement, he says, "They fought racialism, discrimination, led the anti-fascist movement and helped support refugees from Europe at a time when the Canadian government was not very receptive to giving haven to refugees."

In the 1970s, while engaged as a consultant in areas of the international transport industry, Hunter visited the Soviet Union and China where he renewed acquaintances with people he had met in his youth.

He says they substantiated his criticism of the Soviet political structure and brought to light the distortion of "socialist democracy." Democratic centralism, he found, was an inherent contradiction.

In 1975, while on a business trip to the Soviet Union, he made contact with Jewish Refuseniks and dissident leaders in the Kishinev-Odessa area. Working with the Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry, he took financial assistance and Hebrew literature to the Soviet Union.

Hunter vividly and honestly covers the vicissititudes of history through periods of trauma and turbulence. He describes the hysteria of the McCarthy period, the Rosenberg spy case, the murder of Solomon Michoels, the director of the Jewish State Theatre in Russia, and other Jewish artists, Stalin's doctor's plot, divisions in Canadian leftist Jewish organizations, and he brings us right up to Gorbachev's glasnost and perestroika "which we tried to introduce some 30 years ago."

Hunter told The CJN that it is important to remember that what a progressive movement meant then and what it means now, are very different.

"I was faced with the realization that I would rather face a capitalistic court for being a member of an unlawful organization than face a Soviet court for having distributed a leaflet in Red Square calling for an end to atomic weapons."

It is very clear what side Peter Hunter is on now. His reflections are a major contribution to understanding the rise and failures of Communism.

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Hoffman, Cruise portray long-lost brothers

Excellent performances make Rain Man moving film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Movie's humor tinged with sadness

TORONTO —
Barry Levinson's track record as a director of quality films is confirmed in *Rain Man*, starring Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise.

Rain Man, now playing at Famous Players theatres, is a departure for Levinson insofar as subject matter goes.

In *Diner*, he dealt with the coming of age of adolescents. In *Tin Men*, he focused on a group of aluminum siding con artists. In *The Natural*, he looked at a baseball player no longer in his prime. In *Good Morning, Vietnam*, he lavished attention on an irreverent American armed forces radio station host in South Vietnam.

In three out of four of these pictures, comedy was the leit motif — which is not surprising, given Levinson's seemingly effortless gift for it.

***Rain Man* is essentially serious, but it's not without humor. In this case, however, the humor is tinged by profound sadness, related to the fact that one of the characters is mentally deficient and properly belongs in an institution.**

It revolves around two brothers vastly different in terms of their personality. Charlie Babbit (Cruise) is an immaculately-dressed, shallow, utterly selfish Italian sports car importer whose business is on the verge of bankruptcy. Raymond (Hoffman) is an institutionalized autistic savant, capable of performing great feats of mental prowess but incapable of fending for himself in the real world.

Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman star in Rain Man.

After their father's death, the long-lost brothers meet. Charlie, upset that Raymond has been named the beneficiary of a considerable inheritance, kidnaps him, hoping to extract a fair share from the trustee, a Dr. Bruner (Jerry Molen).

In the process, Charlie alienates his sweet, honest Italian girlfriend, Susanna (Valeria Golino), introduces Raymond to human pleasures and failures, learns to love — and appreciate — a brother of whom he is initially ashamed and even establishes genuine human contact with him.

Hoffman, one of the finest actors of his generation, portrays Raymond, an automaton, with sensitivity and tact. His eyes are vacant and pathetic. His voice is deliberate, tinny and almost disembodied. His gestures are that of a retard.

As played by Hoffman, Raymond is a stickler for routine and detail. The maple syrup must be on the table before pancakes are served. He cannot miss his favorite TV programs, particularly *People's Court*. Only boxer shorts from K Mart will do. Hearing Charlie and Susanna making love, he wanders into their motel room and sits on the edge of the bed, artlessly mimicking them.

When Charlie takes him to a glitzy casino in Las Vegas, he dazzles everyone by winning $80,000 in a blackjack game. A hooker (Lucinda Jenney) stands him up, and Susanna introduces him to kissing.

In a virtuoso performance, Hoffman is Raymond incarnate.

Cruise, in his part, is excellent as well.

He's a financially-strapped capitalist predator writ large, a lying opportunist, a crass manipulator. When he discovers that Raymond is the beneficiary of their father's fortune and that *he* has been left a 1949 Buick Roadmaster in mint condition and rose bushes, he fumes, "He's inherited $3 million and he doesn't understand the concept of money. It's poetic, isn't it?"

***Rain Man*, for all its positive attributes, is rather slow in building up a head of steam. Although Raymond can be extremely unpredictable, there is a predictability about his behavior that, I suppose, Levinson could not control. And, I might add, Charlie is not entirely convincing in his professions of love for Raymond.**

These caveats notwithstanding, *Rain Man* is a touching film in all respects.

Midler never better in acting tour de force

TORONTO —
To watch Bette Midler in *Beaches* is to witness the coming of age of a star.

To put it succinctly, Midler is brilliant in Gary Marshall's film, now playing at Famous Players theatres.

As C.C. Bloom, she's a saucy cabaret singer who scales the heights of Broadway, only to tumble from her perch; a love-starved woman who meets the man of her dreams, only to lose him; an idealist who values a real friendship, only to see it claimed by death.

Midler, her flaming curly red hair redder than ever, her insouciant smile portending mischeviousness, blazes through this romantic comedy musical review with immense aplomb and style. She has never been better, and Midler has been good in films ranging from *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* to *Big Business*.

Her humor, studded with self-deprecating irony, is bracing. Her singing, strong and resonant, soars. Her dancing, technically accomplished, is pure and unencumbered. Her acting flows as naturally as a clear mountain stream.

As the brash, unstoppable C.C. Bloom, the Jewish girl from the Bronx, Midler is like a force of nature, a screen presence who gobbles up the space around her.

Beaches, besides revolving around the streetwise, egotistical C.C. Bloom, is about her enduring friendship with Hillary Whitney (Barbara Hershey), an insecure, beautiful, smart, uppercrust WASP who meets her on a beach in Atlantic City when they're both 11 years old.

Being from separate worlds, they go their separate ways. However, they keep in touch through letters and photographs. Hillary, the poor little rich girl, becomes a lawyer, marries a cad (James Read), has a baby, adapts to being single and is stricken with a debilitating disease. C.C., by dint of sheer willpower, endless encouragement from her pushy mother (Lainie Kazan) and seemingly limitless talent, breaks into the ranks of stardom. In a sense, this film is really an account of Midler's own scintillating career.

From the opening frame, where she is pictured with her back to the camera, to one of the final sequences, where she comforts the ill Hillary, Midler is invariably at the centre of things.

In the course of *Beaches*, she performs in five lavishly-staged musical numbers that are not only original but bouncy and irreverent as well. The skit about Otto Titsling, he of brassiere fame, is particularly appealing.

Mayim Bialik portrays C.C. in her formative years. Bubbling over with effervescence and froth, she bears an uncanny resemblance to Midler, physically and in terms of personality.

Hershey, looking tall and regal and aristocratic, makes a fine impression as a vulnerable, residual preppie who devotes her life to pleasing others. John Heard, C.C.'s husband, is the epitome of gravity. Lainie Kazan is the quintessence of a wilful American Jewish mother.

Beaches **is an exemplary film, full of movement and fun, and it establishes Midler as an actress of eminence.**

— S.K.

Lame script derails ''scoundrel'' Caine

TORONTO —
Put Steve Martin and Michael Caine together and what do you get?

Not much.

In *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, Martin and Caine are a pair of con men who meet their comeuppance.

Frank Oz's film, which is shot in the Cote d'Azur region of southern France, is an updated version of *Bedtime Story*, which starred the late David Niven.

Caine, with his slicked-back hair, his pencil-like moustache and his plummy British accent, bears some resemblance to the debonnair Niven.

And like Niven, Caine is a good actor. Indeed, I can't remember a single film in which he, as a performer, flopped.

But even his stellar skills are wasted in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, which is consistently silly, adamantly empty-headed and, horrors of horror, even boring.

Caine portrays Lawrence Jamieson, a suave trickster who poses as a deposed prince raising funds for his poor, starving people — a conceit which is unbelievable from the start.

Caine deports himself rather well with rich, naive women whom he bilks of precious jewels and hard, cold cash. But, finally, he's defeated by a lame script which should have been trashed.

Martin, as Freddy Benson, a small-time American scam artist living hand-to-mouth, is his usual self — which means that he's loud, obvious and certainly unsubtle.

One wonders how the ass he plays can extract *anything* from *anyone*.

Martin is especially repulsive when he pretends to be Ruprecht, a dimwit whose eyes light up in joy when he craps in his pants in the company of a refined lady.

Glenne Headly, the female con artist, has nice legs and pretty luminous eyes. But is she a true comedian? I tend to doubt it.

Anton Rogers, the policeman in Caine's pocket, is at least more credible, though not by much.

Miles Goodman's musical score, bouncy and mischevious, fits this misbegotten picture like a glove. — S.K.

Narvey's writing aptitude like turning on a faucet

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Fred Narvey recalls having an aptitude for writing while still in school — but he waited 50 years to pursue it.

A member of the Canadian Authors Association, president of Creative Retirement's Senior Citizens Writers Workshop and author of numerous short stories, Narvey, 75, spent his working life first as a presser and shipper at 15 to support his family (his father having died).

Then he operated a sandwich stand in the garment district followed by a grocery store.

He spent the last 25 years as a manufacturer's agent travelling Western Canada with 20 different brands of ladies' clothing.

At 65, Narvey retired from business and enrolled in a creative writing class at the University of Winnipeg. "All the other students were in their early 20s," he recalled. "Their English was much better than mine but I had more experience. The teacher liked my stories better and encouraged me."

Narvey writes what he calls "faction" — a blend of fact and fiction based on his experiences. He is most comfortable writing in the first person.

His credits include inclusion in a three-volume multicultural anthology for young readers in 1986 and articles in Vancouver's Outlook, Western People, Seniors Today and The Jewish Post and News. In 1986, he won second prize in the Manitoba branch of the CAA/Eaton Short Story contest.

Even after ten years, Narvey is still surprised by his success. "I just write what comes into my head," he says, "First, there is the idea. Then the pen takes over. It's like turning a tap on. That's the easy part."

The tricky part for him is putting his manuscript into proper English. That's where his wife, Gertrude, comes in. A voracious reader, Gertrude checks each manuscript for grammar and spelling. She is also his proofreader and critic. She may suggest rearranging the story, but the story line itself remains Fred's.

Although many of his stories are based in the past, Narvey is always on the lookout for fresh material. He based a recent story on the Charter of Rights, for example, having a senior falsely accused of shoplifting standing up for his rights.

A fervent Yiddishist, Narvey is the convenor of the Yiddish Stay Young Choir at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre and host of the Stay Young Seniors group's Yiddish literature group.

He and Gertrude do a "fair amount" of travelling too, wintering in Hawaii and going on the occasional cruise in the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

"And I write the odd story," he says modestly.

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Showbiz Mishmash

"Velvet Fog" Torme reveals it wasn't all velvet

By
FRANK RASKY

An early chapter quotes this slangy showbiz item in the Los Angeles Herald and Examiner over a 1941 headline about the **Harry James** Big Band recording a song composed by "America's Youngest Hit Songwriter":

"A young high school stude. **Mel Torme,** is the composer of a new hitoon, tagged *Lament To Love.* It was networked last week and is definitely of hit calibre. Mel is only 15 years old. Boy, when he learns more about luv, then he'll really pen a ditty!"

Torme went on to pen more than 300 ditties, and also became internationally renowned as a drummer, music arranger, actor, author of a book about his showbiz experiences with **Judy Garland** titled *The Other Side of the Rainbow,* and especially as a pop singer nicknamed the "Velvet Fog."

Now, at 63, the multitalented Jewish entertainer (his Russian family name was changed from Torma to Torme by a U.S. immigration official) has penned his autobiography. It's titled *It Wasn't All Velvet* (Penguin of Canada; 384 pages; $24.95).

As one of his longtime admirers, I've always felt that Torme has been one of the most under-rated jazz singers to emerge from the Big Band swing era.

I agree in part with **Ethel Waters,** who once said: "Mel Torme is the only white man who sings with the soul of a Black man." I'd expand that accolade to say that he inherited that soulful, plaintive note in his blues singing from his father, an amateur cantor who studied dancing with Nijinsky in Russia.

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His career, since he began singing professionally at the remarkable age of 4, certainly hasn't been all velvet. I agree, too, with one pop music critic who said, "Torme hasn't merely survived; he has prevailed."

In his chatty memoirs, he comes across as a likable, 5-foot-7, sunny-natured naif, who has endured many hard knocks privately and professionally, but somehow bounces back smiling and still brimming with the milk of human kindness.

Among other tzores, he was ditched by three of his four wives for other mates. He has been belittled or humiliated by ego-ridden entertainers, ranging from **Sophie Tucker** to **Sammy Davis, Jr.** Yet he speaks with bitterness only of the "tooth-pullers" who caused him pain and a loss of cash when recording his songs:

"It saddens me to say that some of the vilest people I have ever met are those who run and control the record industry. They hold the original patents on 'creative bookkeeping' and if you think the foregoing is sour grapes, I wish you could be privy to the dozens of horror stories I have heard from musicians, singers, arrangers, and songwriters about the downright scurrilous activities of record executives.

"Big and small, conglomerate or independent, they are all the same, with a few rare exceptions, like Carl Jefferson, owner of Concord Jazz Records. Someday, you are going to see many of the people in the music industry exposed and convicted and, believe me, it will be a scandal of the proportion of Watergate."

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Torme prefers to speak about the great performers of showbiz. His song writing mentor was the bandleader **Glenn Miller**, who advised him to avoid "moon - June - spoon" rhymes and concentrate on lyrics "that make pictures in your head." Torme never forgot how Miller urged him to study the word-painting of **Johnny Mercer**, especially in the song:

That old black magic has
me in its spell
That old black magic that
you weave so well
Those icy fingers up and
down my spine
The same old witchcraft
when your eyes meet
mine

The pop singer whose style Torme most admires is **Frank Sinatra.** "It's not easy to invest fresh meaning and emotion into lyrics that have become as painfully familiar as the back of your hand." Torme acknowledges. "But I try. As Frank Sinatra once told me, the key is concentration. And when it works and you 'touch' an audience, there's no feeling in the world like it."

Evidently the admiration is mutual. Torme savors the comment made by Sinatra on his recent concert tours when talking about the "few real saloon singers" left in the business. "There's me," Sinatra has said, "and **Tony Bennett** and **Mel Torme.**"

For my money, Torme's voice is the only one of the three that still retains its velvety quality and continues to weave that old black magic.

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Henry Mietkiewicz is a 38-year-old child of the Holocaust, a graduate of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, and a gifted entertainment writer for the Toronto Star.

Now he is the co-author, with Toronto radio broadcaster **Bob Mackowycz,** of *Dream Tower: The Life and Legacy of Rochdale College* (McGraw-Hill Ryerson; 287 pages; $24.95). It's the saga of that 18-storey, rambunctious former haven for hippiedom on Bloor St. at Huron (since converted into the **Senator David A. Croll** Apartments for Seniors) that raised many a rumpus in the 1960s.

Its anarchistic atmosphere and freewheeling freedom of experimentation also nurtured a good many lively spirits who later gained distinction in the arts. They include author-philosopher **Howard Adelman;** science fiction writer and anthologist **Judith Merril;** the *Alligator Pie* poet and song lyricist **Dennis Lee;** the bass player and founder of the Rush rock band, **Geddy Lee;** and **Jim Garrard,** the playwright and founder of Theatre Passe Muraille.

The book's most hilarious chapter deals with the production of *Futz,* a satire about a farmer's carnal love for his pet pig. The show was raided by the morality squad because a 22-year-old actress named **Temperance Lloyd** bared her breasts before the goggle-eyed audience. It thus marked the first public display of nudity in a drama presentation, which would be considered tame stuff by today's everything-goes standards.

The book is great fun. Or, as they used to say in the quaint, flower-power days of the 1960s, it's a mind-blower.

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People are forever urging arts critics to be "objective." Well, I must confess I've never written an objective review in my life.

And I further confess that I'm 100% subjective about a handsomely illustrated new coffee-table book titled *Stratas: An Affectionate Tribute* (Oxford University Press; 114 pages; $19.95). It's written by my brother, filmmaker **Harry Rasky.**

He based it on his amusing yet inspiring 1981 documentary, *StrataSphere.* You may recall it as a TV portrait of **Teresa Stratas,** the legendary soprano with the beseeching eyes and steely will who is now 50. The daughter of a Greek immigrant restaurant waiter, she was born over a Chinese laundry on Dundas St. in Cabbagetown, and rose to become a Metropolitan Opera star.

On a personal note, I thought the most amusing of Harry's anecdotes illustrated nicely the principle that the egos of singers are all the same, whether they attempt a Wagnerian aria or a cantorial chant. In his preface, Harry recalls the Yom Kippur when our late father, **Louis,** the scholarly shoichet and cantor who had single-handedly built the ramshackle McKay Avenue Synagogue, had completed his beautiful rendition of *Kol Nidre.*

Walking home after services, our father asked him, "Nu?"

Harry was perplexed. "What do you mean?"

"Nu?" our father reiterated. "How *was* I?"

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A tip of my hat this week goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Congratulations to **Nir Bareket,** the 49-year-old, Toronto-based Israeli photographer, heretofore best known to me for his magnificent portraits of Toronto theatre productions. Now, until Jan. 12, you should catch his exhibition of 66 dramatic vignettes reflecting the character of Jerusalem, on display at the Koffler Gallery (636-1880).

Elizabeth Bolton, of Temple Emanu-El, is one of the six female cantors representing the 80-member Women Cantor's Network, who will present a Sabbath song program at 8.30 p.m., Jan. 20, at Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd. (449-3880).

Mazeltov to **Michael Hirsh**, who is responsible for the 13 episodes of the 30-minute **Babar** animated TV series recently launched for showing at 7 p.m. every Tuesday on CBC. Born in Belgium and raised in Toronto, 40-year-old Hirsh is chairman of Nelvana Limited, the 200-staff company at 32 Atlantic Ave. in the King-Dufferin area, which has become the world's fifth largest animation studio. His company has produced that kiddies' delight, *The Care Bears Family.*

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I bow out this week with the potent line of that theatrical perfectionist, the late **Sir Ralph Richardson**. When asked what his ambition was at the age of 80, Sir Ralph replied: "I'd like to learn a little more about acting before it's too late."

Mel Torme

Teresa Stratas

Henry Mietkiewicz

Elizabeth Bolton

Nir Bareket

Michael Hirsh

Nabucco inspired by biblical story

Grand opera coming to the Big O

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A spectacle on a grand scale is promised at the Olympic Stadium next spring, when the International Opera Festival presents Giuseppe Verdi's opera Nabucco, which is inspired by the biblical story of the Hebrews' captivity in Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.

Performance dates are June 1 and 3.

The lavish multi-million-dollar production, which climaxes in the victory of the pious Jews over tyranny, was to have been presented in Jerusalem last May as part of Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations, but was cancelled for reasons that were never clear.

The IOF then sought a venue in North America. Toronto, New York and Chicago were sites also considered, before choosing the Olympic Stadium, which can accommodate up to 50,000. Last June's production of Aida at the covered stadium was another Verdi extravaganza put on by the IOF.

There have been theories that Verdi wrote Nabucco in 1842 because he saw a parallel between the lot of the ancient Jews and the Italian people who were oppressed by Austrian occupiers at the time.

He did not adhere strictly to the historical account of the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar (Nabucco), who in quelling a revolt in Judea around 600 years BCE destroyed Jerusalem. He later restored freedom to the Jews, not out of a fit of conscience, but in order to expand his country's trade links.

The composer appears to have been more concerned with the clash between peoples of very different values and circumstances.

Verdi's Nabucco is also more of a hero than the conceited and domineering madman depicted in the Book of Daniel.

In any case, the opera's plot is full of melodrama and intrigue.

Soprano Ghena Dimitrova, who performed in Nabucco at Milan's La Scala and in Aida at the Egyptian pyramids last year, will play the character of Abigaille, who believes she is Nabucco's older daughter, and baritone Piero Cappuccilli, who starred in Montreal's Aida, will sing the title role.

Artistic and musical director Giuseppe Raffa and producer Renzo Giacchieri were in charge of the grandiose Aida production at the pyramids. The operatic cast will be backed up by over 1,000 extras, including a chorus, ballet troupe and orchestra. The stage area will be 40,000 square feet

Set designer Fiorenzo Giorgi has the task of creating scenes in Jerusalem and Babylon, with their differing atmospheres. "The crux of the work is the confrontation between two contrasting civilizations, one closely linked with religious and philosophical faith, and the other with dynamic power of a materialistic nature," he explained.

"Jerusalem is austere, while Babylon revels in the spectacular and the extravagant. The representation of both must remain faithful to each people's ideologic ethic."

Giorgi sees the Jews of Jerusalem in Nabucco as religious, ascetic and passive, and the Babylonians as hungry for progress and development, as evidenced in their research in astrology and medicine.

What is for sure, Nabucco will be a pageant of exquisite costumes and scenery.

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Florida has long history as sunny winter escape destination

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —
Just 65 years ago Florida became the destination for North Americans seeking escape from cold winters.

It was in the 1924-25 period that land speculation in the state reached its peak, and the boom to make Florida the winter home of Canadians and residents of the northern U.S. began. The wealthy had come earlier as railway tycoons and built railways from New York and the Great Lakes states to both the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts near the turn of the century.

For those of us who head south when winter comes to northern regions, it may be of interest to know that even during World War I days the warm climate served a purpose — to train First World War pilots, as well as other combat troops.

Some years earlier Florida had become better known to northerners with the opening of new flying routes. The first scheduled airline in North America began operating on Jan. 1, 1914 between St. Petersburg and Tampa. The first night flight in aviation history is recorded as having been made over Tampa by pilot Lincoln Beachy in 1911.

In 1915 the Florida state government began developing state highways, an operation previously left to local councils. In 1922 the first Florida licenced radio broadcasting station opened at Tampa on May 15.

It is believed that the first Europeans touched on Florida soil in 1497. Florida is mentioned on a Spanish map of 1502. Juan Ponce de Leon sighted the Florida coast near today's St. Augustine in April 1513 and named the land Pascua Florida because he had sighted the land at Easter time.

Spaniards explored the region from both the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts between 1516 and 1561. Hernando De Soto landed in the Tampa Bay area in 1539. St. Augustine, claimed as the oldest city in the United States, was founded in 1565. Frenchmen had established an outpost there some years earlier after being shipwrecked but were killed off by the Spanish in 1565.

Florida became the prize of Europeans fighting over these Indian lands in the 16th century. Sir Francis Drake conquered and burned St. Augustine in 1586, planting the English flag there. During most of the 17th century the Spanish continued to build forts and settlements but by the early 18th century the English drove them out with troops from areas settled further north on the Atlantic coast.

It was not until after the American Revolution in 1776 that British and Spanish troops were finally driven out of what had become the United States. In 1822 U.S. President James Monroe signed into law the formation of the state of Florida with a governor and a state legislature. Tallahassee became the state capital in 1824.

First railway connections

Now that an end had come to fighting between European powers, the native Seminole Indians began fighting the white man and continued to do so till 1858. The first representative from Florida in the U.S. Congress was David Levy Yulee, a Portuguese Jew from St. Thomas in today's Virgin Islands, who was elected in 1845.

Just a century ago Henry Flagler built the first railway connections on the Atlantic coast to southern Florida including St. Augustine and Key West at the southern tip of the state. Meanwhile Henry B. Plant built railway line on the Gulf of Mexico coast to Tampa to bring winter vacationers to the Tampa region.

Jacksonville, Miami and Tampa became training and embarkation sites for troops for the Spanish-American War of 1898, led largely by Theodore Roosevelt, who later became President — a cousin of later President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The history of modern Florida starts in 1929 with the peak of the then land development boom and the first international airplane service between Key West and Havana, Cuba. There was an attempt in 1933 to assassinate President-elect Franklin Roosevelt in Miami in which Chicago mayor Anton Cermak was fatally wounded.

The period of the Second World War saw Florida greatly expand, first as a training ground for the military and secondly with the building of tourist hotels throughout the state.

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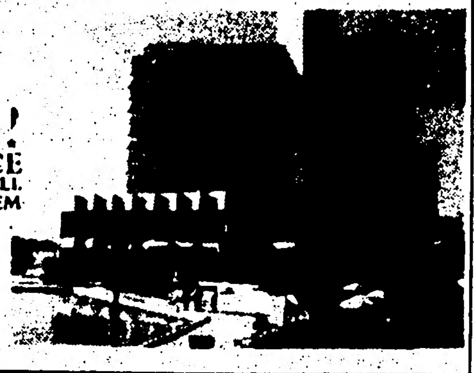

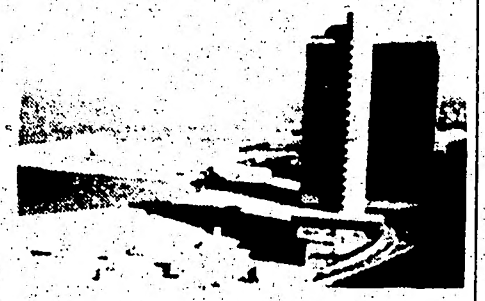

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Tightening capital-gains rules muddies waters

Tax News$

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One can look back and recall numerous tax proposals that were introduced with the best of intentions, but for one reason or other did not turn out as planned. In some cases, taxpayer abuse forced the government to rethink its position. The capital-gains exemption may be headed in the same direction, but for a different reason.

While a large number of Canadians are obsessed with the exemption, the headaches resulting from the complexities since its inception in 1985 have certainly taken some of the luster out of this provision. One cannot question the government's laudable intention when this measure was first introduced. The exemption was expected to promote entrepreneurial activity in Canada.

Unfortunately, the original rules and their subsequent modifications have been fraught with complications arising from the government's desire to limit abuses by restricting the availability of the exemption. Never was this more true, than in the case of the rules for eligibility for the enhanced exemption for sales of shares of a small business corporation (SBC).

Now that the capital gains exemption has been capped at $100,000 for the disposition of most capital properties, those taxpayers who have an opportunity to avail themselves of the enhanced exemption should make every effort to do so. In particular, the importance of a corporation obtaining and retaining SBC status is paramount under the new regime.

A sale of shares of a SBC will be eligible for an additional $400,000 exemption. In simple terms, a SBC is a Canadian-controlled private corporation (CCPC), all or substantially all (a minimum of 90% according to Revenue Canada's interpretation) of whose assets are used in an active business in Canada. In certain cases, shares of holding companies which own shares of a SBC may also qualify as a SBC. This 90% test is based on the fair market value of assets of the corporation (including goodwill) but does not include liabilities.

Corporations that carry on an active business but also have substantial investment assets, such as marketable securities, term deposits or rental properties, should consider taking steps to segregate these assets from the business assets in order to "purify" their SBC status. There are a variety of methods to effect this, all of which require careful planning to ensure the desired result.

In any event, it is crucial that such planning be carried out well before contemplation of the sale of corporate shares. Otherwise, the capital gain generated on the sale of shares may not be eligible for the exemption. It would be prudent to maintain SBC status at all times, as a sale of shares or deemed sale (for example on death) could result without warning.

The company must satisfy three tests to qualify for the enhanced exemption. Under the first test, a corporation need only be a SBC at the time of the disposition of the shares in order to qualify for the enhanced exemption.

In addition, the shares must have been held by the vendor or a related person in the 24-month period preceding the disposition. One exception to this 24-month holding period is the sale of shares of a corporation formed through the incorporation of a proprietorship or partnership.

The last test requires that more than 50% of the value of a corporation's assets be used in an active business in Canada throughout the 24-month period preceding the sale. These rules become further complicated in situations where holding companies are introduced into the picture.

Surprisingly, even when the sale of SBC shares is eligible for the exemption, the gain may not be entirely tax-free in the year of sale. Alternative minimum tax (AMT) will likely be payable in the year of disposition. Hopefully, this tax can be recovered in future years through use of the AMT carry-forward mechanism that provides for a refund of AMT in years that regular tax exceeds AMT.

There is no question that this enhanced exemption represents a major concession to taxpayers who have SBC shares. In many cases, a purchaser would prefer to acquire a corporation's assets rather than the shares of the company from the shareholders. Even so, the opportunity to sell shares still exists and should be considered where appropriate.

In an estate-planning context, taxpayers who own shares in a SBC may be able to generate additional $400,000 exemptions for other family members. This would be carried out through a process known as an estate freeze, whereby existing shareholders convert their shares into fixed-value preference shares.

New common shares would be given to other family members such as a spouse or a child. These family members may be eligible for the enhanced exemption on the future disposition of these shares. Obviously, the non-tax aspects of such a transaction must be carefully considered before implementation.

In certain situations, the tests outlined above may be difficult to meet and, therefore, individuals should be cognizant of these rules so that they can take the necessary steps to comply. Even though these rules are extremely complex, the tax benefits of adhering to them are significant enough to warrant attention.

The exemption represents a simple concept that has gone out of control. A wise man once said "nothing in life is free." If anything, the commentary above illustrates that this phrase is appropriate.

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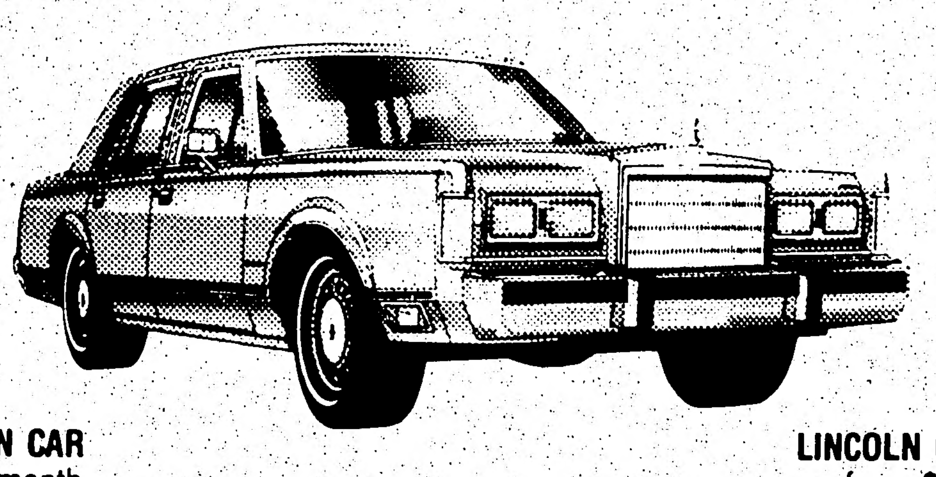
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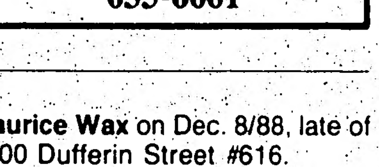

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Healthwatch

Crib death linked to lack of oxygen

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Lack of oxygen is the cause of crib death, according to a study by Norwegian physicians Torleiv Ole Rognum and Ola Didrik Saugstad.

What causes the oxygen cutoff has not been determined yet, but their conclusion eliminates other suggested culprits like heart problems, malfunctioning lungs, loud noise, and the baby wrapped too warmly, they say.

Crib death, the biggest single cause of infant mortality in the West, kills between one and two of every 1,000 infants before their first birthday.

Their study, described in a recent issue of the U.S. medical journal Pediatrics, found unusually high concentrations of hypoxantin in the eye fluid of crib death victims. Lack of oxygen stimulates the body's hyperproduction of this chemical.

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The unesthetic leech may be resuming medical practice.

Enzymes in leech saliva — Hebrew University researchers have found — inhibit both blood clotting and the clumping together of blood platelets. This is important in surgical procedures that must override the body's natural blood clotting system.

Leeches are already used to draw out small amounts of leftover blood from small body parts like fingers, noses, and earlobes that are being reattached. This prevents old blood congestion and gangrene until reattachment is complete and blood flow is restored.

Leech saliva, however, is no anesthetic, as HU researchers found in little experiments on their own arms.

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At least one-third of all pregnancies result in miscarriages, according to a study by Dr. Brian Little, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Montreal's Royal Victoria Hospital.

Most of the miscarriages occur before the woman is aware that she is pregnant, was another finding. The period of greatest hazard is between the time of the egg's fertilization and its implanting in the womb wall.

Little's study was published in a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. It confirms a longstanding medical supposition, which it supports through the use of the latest and most sensitive tests to determine pregnancy.

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The stylishness of a zaftig (full-bosomed) look is sending an unprecedented number of U.S. women to their plastic surgeons for breast implants.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons reports that over 1 million women in the past few years have had some kind of breast-boosting surgery: implants of polyurethane, salt water, silicon gel, or a combination.

In 1986, the latest year for which figures are available, 93,500 women paid between $2,000 and $7,000 for an operation.

The procedure is "about as safe as surgery can be," Los Angeles plastic surgeon Gary Brody told Reuter's news service.

Risks include the hardening of scar tissue or the leaking of implant material. These are rectifiable and plastic surgeons said patients are more than willing to take the chance.

Toronto doctors test diabetes hypothesis

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —

Five Toronto doctors — all Jewish — with teaching positions at the University of Toronto's medical school are taking part in a huge medical study that may change the way diabetes is treated.

Funded by the National Institute of Health in the U.S., the study is now in its sixth year and will run for another five.

Ultimately 1,400 patients will be involved, and volunteers are needed, says Dr. Kusiel Perlman, a pediatric endorinologist who teaches at the U of T and practices at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Perlman said that the study is designed to test the "blood-glucose hypothesis." He explained that diabetics have high levels of sugar — or glucose — in their blood and it is thought by some that the high glucose levels lead to the acute long-term complications diabetics often suffer from — problems with their kidneys, nerves and blood vessels.

Standard modern treatment of one or two injections of insulin a day keeps the blood-glucose level within acceptable limits, Perlman explained. But within the past 10 years it has become possible, with intensive treatment, to keep blood-glucose levels near normal all the time.

The blood-glucose hypothesis states that keeping a diabetic's glucose level near normal will reduce the long-term complications he is likely to suffer.

The problem, Perlman explained, is that nobody knows if this is true.

Keeping the blood-glucose level near normal may not do anything or may even produce other complications in the patient's condition.

Patients involved in the study are randomly divided into two groups, Perlman said. One group, the control group, receives standard treatment. The other group receives intensified treatment, which may involve three or four insulin injections per day or the use of an insulin pump and also monthly visits to the clinic set up for the study.

Perlman commented that "only so much can be done with animals" and explained that if treatment for diabetics was going to improve, research has to be done on humans.

He said he views patients volunteering for the study as "partners in research — as important as anyone else on the team."

Volunteers involved in the study are "assured of getting at least the best standard care available. . . . (They're) being taken care of by doctors whose major interest is diabetes," said Perlman. He added that many diabetics normally receive "sub-optimal" care.

Currently volunteers are needed who are 13 to 39 years old and who have had diabetes for less than five years.

Anyone interested in volunteering can phone A. Barnie, the nurse coordinator of the study at Toronto General Hospital, at 595-4419.

Funding woes halt Budapest shul reconstruction

By
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BUDAPEST — The planned reconstruction of the famed Dohanyi Synagogue in Budapest has come to a standstill because of a lack of money.

In an unprecedented move in this dollar poor country, the Hungarian government is offering matching funds for the project, says Dr. Layos Batos, the Jewish community official in charge of the reconstruction.

Ronald Lauder, the former U.S. ambassador to Austria, kicked off the project in 1987 with a contribution of $8,000 which was matched by the government here, Batos said.

The government has already earmarked $4 million, he said, adding: "The contract is ready to sign. We are just waiting for the other $4 million from abroad to begin. Until then, everything is stopped," said Batos.

This is the first time the Hungarian government has given the Jewish community anything, let alone such a big sum.

"There are several reasons for this," said Batos. "Firstly, the synagogue which is 130 years old is a historical monument and belongs to the city as well as to the Jewish community.

"Secondly, the government knows that Hungarian Jews don't have sufficient money. Thirdly, they were promised that the Jews from abroad would help. And finally, the government wants to make a good impression on the West."

Batos also has the responsibility for the memorial monument to the Hungarian Jews who died during the Holocaust.

Designed by world-famous Hungarian artist, Imre Varga, the scuplture is in the form of a chromium steel tree, mounted on a red granite slab, with thousands of leaves upon which the names of those who perished may be engraved. It will be situated at the entrance to the Budapest ghetto, next to the Dohanyi Synagogue. Immediately adjacent is the mass grave of the Jews who died in the ghetto.

Create memorial

Engraving of a name on one of the leaves costs $125 U.S. dollars and the money goes in part to reconstruction of the synagogue.

In the United States, actor Tony Curtis founded the Emanuel Foundation in 1986, in honor of his late father, to create a memorial for the Hungarian Jews who died during the Holocaust, and also to assist in the resurrection of Jewish life in Hungary.

In June he and his daughter, also an actress, participated in the ceremonies of the laying of the cornerstone. People from all over the world attended, and it was extensively reported in the Hungarian media.

Batos, a courtly, reserved gentleman, believes there is a definite resurgence of Jewish life in Hungary.

"It was not possible after the war to obtain a Jewish education. Many didn't even know they were Jewish. And many who knew, did not want to identify themselves as Jews. Today, for the first time Jews, especially the young, feel good about being Jewish."

The Jewish high school, where Jewish studies are offered along with a secular curiculum, had only nine students 7 years ago. This year there are 80 enrolled.

Four hundred children attended a Jewish camp last summer. Plans are being made to expand this summer.

About 100 school children participated in the Zimriah in Israel where they were a great hit.

A cultural centre has just been established, Karl Goldmark Hall, (named after the composer) — the first in 44 years.

"We hope especially to attract the youth, to bring them close to Yiddishkeit and stop assimilation and mixed marriages," Batos said.

His voice deepened and tears came to his eyes as he said, "I want my children and grandchildren to have what I had before the war."

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Those who wish to have a leaf engraved on the memorial tree of the Hungarian Jewish Martyrs, can contact Laszlo Keller, president of the Emanuel Foundation and of the American Section of the World Federation of the Hungarian Jews at The Emanuel Foundation, 97-45 Queens Blvd., Suite 614, Rego Park, NY 11374; telephone (718) 986-8300.

Interior of the Dohanyi Synagogue in Budapest.

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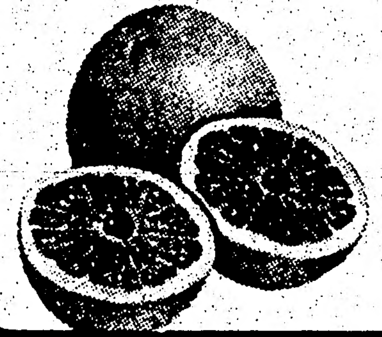

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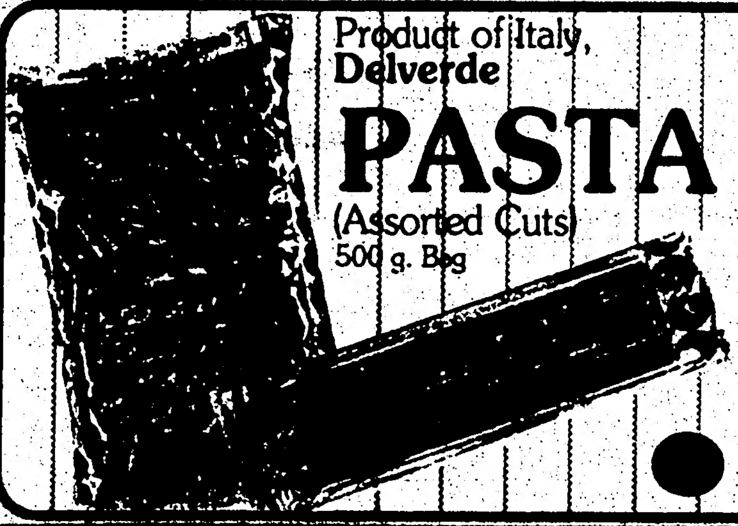

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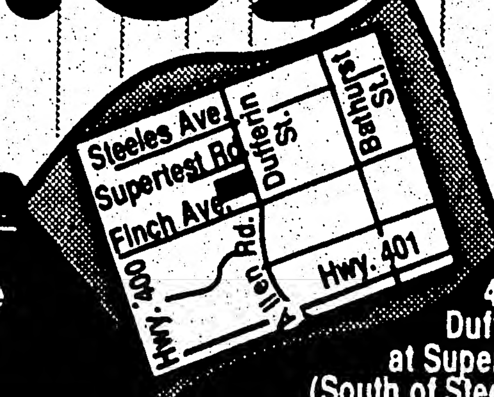

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